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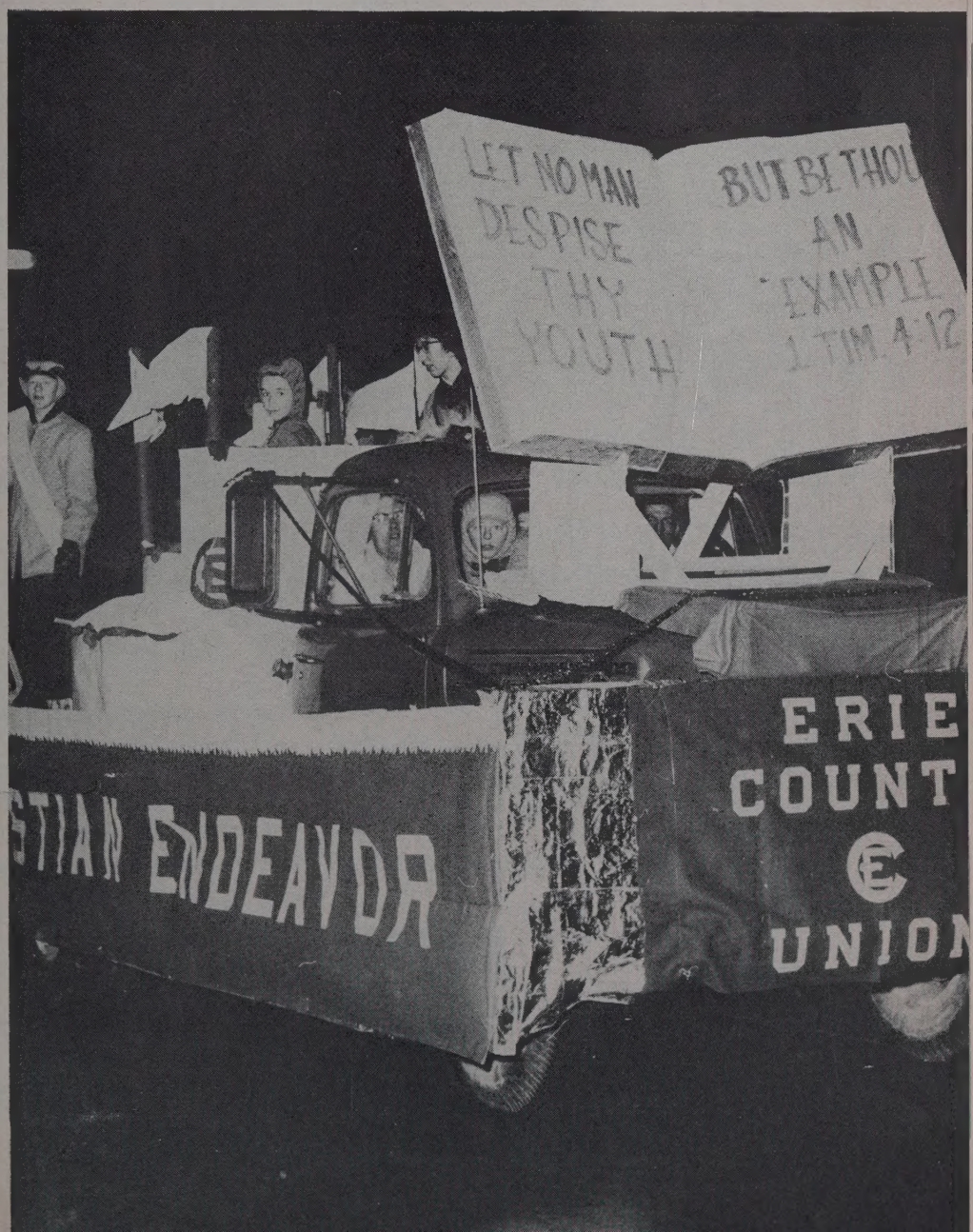


THE SOCIETY ROLL CALL

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff

The last several weeks have seen the steady flow out of International Headquarters of Society Enrollment Certificates. These attractive certificates, suitable for framing, have been sent to societies throughout the United States and Canada who have enrolled in the 1963 Society Roll Call. A nomination form for the 1963 Endeavorer of the Year selection has gone with each certificate. This nomination form is available to any society who enrolls during December, January, February, or March.

Since its inception, it has been a tradition of Christian Endeavor that all of its relationships be voluntary. There is no coercion, no forcing of relationships. And there is no price tag on these relationships. The Society Roll Call does not attach a price tag but does afford an opportunity for local societies to add a new and broad dimension.

Membership in the International Society, through the society enrollment, gives a new status to the local society, brings to its members regular issues of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, insures other valuable contacts, and entitles the local society to official representation, with vote, in meetings of the corporation of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

A Blue Seal society is one who gives $15 or more; a Red Seal society is one who gives $30 or more; and a Gold Seal society is one who gives $50 or more.

What does your society enrollment mean to the work of Christian Endeavor? Many things. It helps to sponsor a program of youth evangelism, winning young people to Jesus Christ. It insures the continuation of Christian Endeavor's Crusade for Christian Citizenship. It makes possible the regular publication of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and of JUNIOR MEETINGS, along with the production of books, pamphlets, bulletins, leaflets and other materials for the various needs of youth. It makes you part of the world-wide outreach of Christian Endeavor, for a share of the proceeds goes to the work of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

This is the story of the Society Roll Call. Every Christian Endeavor society worthy of the name will want to add to itself this new dimension by enrolling in the International Society of Christian Endeavor. It pays to belong—really belong.

Send in your $15, $30, $50 enrolment. Send it today.

April and May Events

April

26-28—Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey
Contact: Mr. James R. Westerhoff, P.O. Box 265, Hawthorne, New Jersey

May

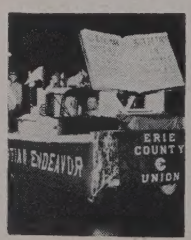
11—Colorado Spring Conference, Cope
Contact: Mr. Dennis Roth, 1608 South Washington, Denver, Colorado

11—Ontario Junior Convention, Hamilton
Contact: Mr. Douglas Wrightson, R.R. #2, Tiverton, Ontario

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

This float in the February 1 Winter Carnival Parade, Erie, Pennsylvania, featured a five-tiered birthday cake and age-group representatives. Ernest Smathers and Robert Bergstrom headed up this Erie County Union project.



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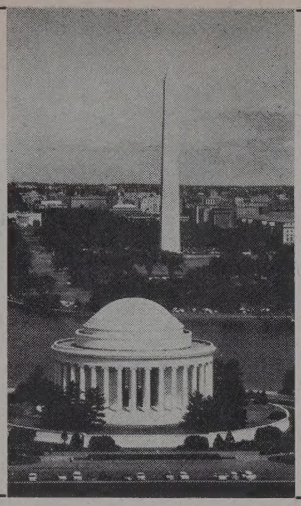


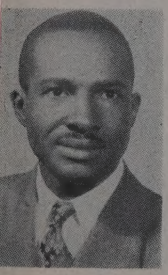
JULY 2-6, 1963

WASHINGTON, D.C.

In addition to mass meetings each evening with outstanding speakers, here will be many special features during the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention in the Nation's Capital July 2-6.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Steinhart are the talented musical team which will direct convention singing. Mr. Steinhart is minister of music and his wife Doris is organist at Seibert Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania. As director of Christian Education for the church, Mr. Steinhart is advisor to the three Christian Endeavor societies. The Steinharts have three children.

The daily Quiet Hour and Bible study period will be directed by Rev. Andrew White, who is the executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. White, a former vice-president of the Golden Rule Union, is a vice-president of the International Society.



Rev. Andrew White

Arch J. McQuilkin

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Steinhart

Following educational conferences each morning there will be a general assembly period directed by the inimitable Arch J. McQuilkin of Pennsylvania. This is a popular hour for all delegates. Mr. McQuilkin is widely known as a toastmaster and speaker. He is a member of the International Society Executive Committee.

Convention sessions will center in the air-conditioned Sheraton-Park Hotel. Economical "package plan" rates give delegates five nights' lodging Tuesday through Saturday (dormitory style, four to a room) and all breakfasts and evening meals Wednesday through Saturday, at the very special rate of just $42.50. All registered delegates will receive complete convention information.

Registration Contest Results

A Registration Contest began January 1 for all state and provincial unions. In addition to monthly awards, parade positions and choice convention seats will be given on the basis of contest standings, along with special awards to registrars.

At the January 31 check-up date Hawaii took top honors, winning $10 for making the greatest gain toward its minimum goal. North Carolina won the second award of $7.50. In a tie for third, Missouri and Texas each received two free subscriptions (worth a total of $6) to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

North Carolina won the $10 for the greatest increase during February. Texas placed second, with Indiana, New York, and Oregon in a three-way tie for third.

At press time Hawaii is out in front in the contest with 30% of its minimum goal; North Carolina follows with 20%, New York and Texas with 14%, Oregon and Pennsylvania with 12%, and Indiana with 10%.

USE THIS REGISTRATION BLANK

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1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio (Please print or type)

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Church .....
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Christian Endeavor Week

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ABOVE LEFT—Sangamon County Endeavorers marked the 82nd birthday with a banquet January 29 in Springfield, Illinois. Participants (from left) were Richard Eisenkoff, song leader; Rev. Donald Finley, master of ceremonies; Rev. Negil McPherson, speaker; and Mrs. Lee Julius, chairman. ABOVE RIGHT—Guests of honor at the annual birthday party for Christian Endeavor Headquarters associates, Columbus, Ohio, were Bishop and Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows (seated, center). The event was held January 14 in Worthington.

EXCITING REPORTS of a variety of activities in observance of Christian Endeavor Week January 27 through February 3 have been received at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

Here are representative reports from widespread areas, giving an overall view of the many anniversary activities this year.

NORTH CAROLINA—Television programs January 28 through February 1 with youth participating were planned by the state union, with Mrs. B. J. Adams in charge. These included 15 minutes on the "Morning Devotions" program over WFMY-TV, Greensboro, each day Monday through Friday, with a special telecast Sunday afternoon. Theme used was "To Fill the Emptiness."

MICHIGAN—A pledge-signing service with six youth participating followed a study of the history, principles, and the pledge in Beech Park United Brethren in Christ Church, Detroit. The pastor, Rev. George M. Martin, reports these youth are charter members of a new society now being organized.

PENNSYLVANIA—A special Fellowship Night was planned by the five societies of the Westmoor Church of Christ (Disciples) in Kingston, according to Mrs. Hilda M. Thomas, chairman of the Christian Endeavor Cabinet. A busy round of activities throughout the week was climaxed on February 3 at 9:00 P.M. when the societies were hosts to the county hymn sing.

HAWAII—A Chinese dinner was held by Endeavorers of Kaumakapili Church, Honolulu, according to report of Mrs. Ella E. Howard, president. Officers and chairmen were installed by the pastor, Rev. Samuel Keala, during the morning worship February 3, with 100 present. Mrs. Mealii Kalama, president of the Oahu Island Christian Endeavor Association, spoke on "Evangelize to Venture With Christ."

PENNSYLVANIA—A sleigh ride and ice-skating party were fellowship events January 29 for the youth of Victory Heights United Brethren Church, Franklin. Mrs. Glenn L. McClelland, society president, reports the youth took charge of the evening services February 3.

VIRGINIA—Juniors of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, furnished red and white carnations for the church services on Christian Endeavor Day and sang at the evening service, which was led by older Endeavorers. In the afternoon the Juniors were hosts to their parents for a special program with refreshments, according to report of Lena Morgan, co-counselor.

PENNSYLVANIA—The radio program for the week was used as the basis for the prayer meeting at Owensdale Evangelical United Brethren Church January 30, led by the Endeavorers. This society also conducted the morning worship February 3, according to Mrs. Ronald Porter, president.

SIERRA LEONE—From Mattru Jon in Western Africa comes the report c James C. Amara, society secretary a the United Brethren in Christ mission There were 147 present when the so ciety led the morning service Februar 3. Members also taught Sunday schoo classes and conducted the evening serv ice. This society has formed an itinerat ing group which goes out each Thursda evening to nearby villages to preac the Gospel.

PENNSYLVANIA—Connellsville Branc Union had about 110 at their birthda banquet when Warren G. Hoopes, Sr. was speaker. Six denominations were represented, according to report o Louise Heffley, treasurer.

MARYLAND—J. W. Sigler, presiden of the society at Locust Valley Churc of God, Middletown, reports that mem bers enjoyed a birthday social in the parsonage basement and then went to the church to hear the pastor speak on "Venture With Christ."

PENNSYLVANIA — An anniversary banquet was held January 29 by the three societies of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Boyertown. These groups conducted a special service Sunday evening, February 3, with presentation of the theme "Venture" by Mrs. Harry Langan, using flash cards, and a talk by Mrs. Philip R. Schultz, Junior Society counselor. Rhea Wiest is president of the young people's society and Rev. Roy K. Luckenbill is minister.

Reports

Photo by Carl Henderson

Photo by George Crouter, Denver Post

ABOVE LEFT—Practicing for a radio program heard over three Houston, Texas, stations January 27 are (from left) Russell Reichardt, Bob Bishop, Chi-Chi Crone, Carl Henderson, Wilson Porter, and Jennifer Gore. ABOVE RIGHT — Officers who participated in the Denver (Colorado) District Union birthday banquet January 28 included (from left) Rev. Joe Muyskens, pastor counselor; Jackie Hammelmann, secretary; Charles Todd, president; and Rev. Bert Van Soest, pastor counselor. Over 200 attended.

NEW YORK—The five societies of First Church of Evans, Derby, participated in the two morning services February 3. They also held a birthday banquet February 16 when approximately 100 were present to hear Arch J. McQuilkin of Pennsylvania. Pearl F. Reed is Christian Endeavor director; Dr. Earle W. Gates is minister.

WISCONSIN—Endeavorers of the three societies at Plymouth Congregational Church, Oshkosh, combined to sponsor the monthly church fellowship supper and program February 4. A birthday cake baked by Mrs. Gordon Gallinger was a special feature. Brian Townsend, Senior Society president, gave special recognition to all who are or have been active in Christian Endeavor. A society was organized in this church in 1883. A special feature was a display of old photos and mementoes. Endeavorers also participated in the midweek service and took charge of both morning and evening worship February 3. Pastor is Rev. Lynn Scovil.

KENTUCKY—Endeavorers of the General Baptist Church, Sebree, participated in the church service February 3. Clay M. Conner is secretary-treasurer.

TEXAS—The four societies of Paul's Union Church secured good publicity for their activities in local papers. Members participated in the evening worship February 3 and also held a fellowship event with 125 present. Glenn Williams, Sr., is youth coordinator.

ONTARIO—Welland County Juniors enjoyed a birthday party January 26 at the United Brethren Church, Stevensville, with 80 present. Ruth Benner, Junior Superintendent, reports that Mrs. E. Goehle of Buffalo, New York, was the guest speaker. Theme was "Our Wonderful Shepherd."

PENNSYLVANIA—The four societies of Central Methodist Church, Connellsville, took complete charge of the morning worship February 3 with the Youth Choir singing the anthem. Sixteen-year-old David Morse gave the sermon on "Youth's Example." A total of 84 Endeavorers were present, according to report of Mrs. A. D. Fulmer. Rev. H. Morris Shields is minister.

COLORADO—Endeavorers of Bethel Union Church, Arriba, were hosts to youth from Cope, Anton, and Flagler at a rally February 10 when Ralph E. May of Denver showed slides of his world tour and the Sydney Convention.

INDIANA—Endeavorers of Garvinwood General Baptist Church in Evansville combined observance of Christian Endeavor Week and Youth Appreciation Week. Beverly Shelton, secretary-treasurer, reports 176 participated in the church service February 3.

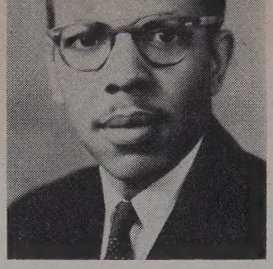
TEXAS—The four societies of Pleasant Grove Christian Church in Dallas were hosts for a reception February 3 for the entire church, following the evening worship which the youth led. Rev. A. A. Harman is minister.

TOP—Speakers February 3 at Roseville United Brethren Church in Ontario were (from left) Cameron Becker, Ruth Perrin, and Gerald Hallman; Doug Becker (right), chairman of the service, is Senior Society president. BOTTOM — This Christian Endeavor Choir sang "Venture with Christ" during the service. Their new robes with gold-lined sleeves were purchased last year as a society project.

Photos by Alice M. Oswald

A. Richard Diebold

Mrs. Harold M. Dudley



Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Jr.

Meet the 1963 Judges

Judges for Christian Endeavor's 1963 Citizenship Awards Program are A. Richard Diebold, Mrs. Harold M. Dudley, and Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., according to announcement made by Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director of the International Society.

Winning societies in this year's competition will be announced on April 25. The Albert H. Diebold Awards, totaling approximately $1,500, will be presented Thursday night, July 4, during the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D.C.

To enter the program a society was required to sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity by February 4. First place awards of $125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $100) for expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the International Convention will be given in each of three categories—Patriotism, Social Reform, and Community Service. Other awards include cash, trips, plaques, and honor certificates.

The judges will evaluate each entry on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implements the folder *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and Christian witness to the community.

A. RICHARD DIEBOLD, whose home is in Roxbury, Connecticut, is president of Diebold Products, Inc., New York City, and of the Double-D Ranch, Inc., Loxahatchee, Florida. He and his wife Dorothy have three children. He is a member of St. James Episcopal Church in New York City. A director of Christian Herald Association, he is a graduate of Princeton University.

RUTH DUDLEY is information officer for the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness of the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. She is active in Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., where she makes her home. With her husband Harold she founded the Washington Pilgrimage of the Religious Heritage of America. She is a Baldwin-Wallace College graduate.

REV. JERRY A. MOORE, JR., pastor of 19th Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and the Board of Directors of the local Baptist Convention. A trustee of the International Society, he is a former member of the Executive Committee. He and his wife Ettyce have two children. He holds degrees from Morehouse College and Howard University.

Project Your Influence Beyond Your Lifetime

The preparation of a Christian will is an act of Christian stewardship. There is no way of having your wishes carried out unless you make a will. If you do make a will you have assurance that your wishes will be carried out. Consult your lawyer. Include the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your will.

For information write to

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1963 SOCIETY HONOR ROLL

Gold Seal

Junior, Chesterfield Church of Christ, Des Moin Iowa
Elders Fund, Union Evangelical Church, Coror New York
Philadelphia County Union, Philadelphia, Per sylvania

Red Seal

Intermediate, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Mo rison, Illinois
Alumni Council, United Congregational Churc Oak Park, Illinois
Grace Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois
Calumet Division of the Chicago Union, Sou Holland, Illinois
Intermediate, Bethel Reformed Church, Sheldo Iowa
Kunkle United Brethren in Christ Church, We Unity, Ohio
Junior, First Presbyterian Church, Ambridg Pennsylvania

Blue Seal

Alabama Union, Birmingham, Alabama
High School, Ensley Community Church, Bi mingham, Alabama
Youth, Pinson Presbyterian Church, Pinson, Al bama
High School, Citrus Heights Friends Churc Citrus Heights, California
The First Brethren Church, LaVerne, California
Junior High, Parkview Reformed Church, Sant Ana, California
Tri-County, Cope, Colorado
Capital View Baptist Church, Washington, D. C
First Baptist Church, Georgetown, Washingtor D. C.
Golden Rule Union, Washington, D. C.
Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.
Hawaijan Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
Honolulu County Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
Adult, Haiku Protestant Church, Kahalui, Maui Hawaii
Young People's, Kanaana Hou Congregationa Church, Kalaupapa, Molokai, Hawaii
Imiola Congregational Church, Kamuela, Hawai
South West Division of the Chicago Union, Ber wyn, Illinois
Senior, First Reformed Church of Gano, Chicago Illinois
Adult, Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Chi cago Heights, Illinois
United Brethren in Christ Church, Claytonville, Illinois
Alumni Association of Vermilion County, Dan ville, Illinois
Young People's, Forreston Reformed Church, For reston, Illinois
Junior, Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, Illinois
Senior High, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Mor rison, Illinois
Senior Young People's, Third Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois
Young People's, Freedom General Baptist Church, Boonville, Indiana

Societies and unions which have officially becomes members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the 1963 Society Roll Call are listed on this year's Honor Roll.

Each of these organizations has received an enrollment certificate. Those receiving a gold seal certificate have contributed $50 or more. Red seals are used on certificates to those giving $30, while blue seals represent a contribution of $15.

Each group listed has also received nomination forms for the selection of the Endeavorer of the Year. Scores of Endeavorers are doing outstanding and exceptional work in their societies, churches, schools, and communities as they demonstrate their allegiance to Christ from day to day. The Endeavorer of the Year selection is sponsored by the International Society to recognize outstanding youth and to encourage young people in their Christian witness. The winning Endeavorer, along with three runners-up, will be announced May 25.

This first list includes those who have enrolled through February 28, arranged alphabetically by states and provinces. Others who enroll will be listed in future issues.

Adult, Nuttman Avenue United Brethren in Christ, Decatur, Indiana
Junior, South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana
Junior High, South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana
Bethany Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
Senior High, Parkview Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
General Baptist Board of Religious Education, Inc., Newburgh, Indiana
Youth Fellowship, American Reformed Church, Hull, Iowa
Shady Grove General Baptist Church, Corydon, Kentucky
Bowleys Lane United Brethren in Christ Church, Baltimore, Maryland
Washington County Union, Hagerstown, Maryland
Carroll County Union, Westminster, Maryland
Sagamore Alumni, Winchester, Massachusetts
Young People's, Beech Park United Brethren in Christ Church, Detroit, Michigan
Adult, Banner Street United Brethren in Christ Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan
First United Brethren Church, Hillsdale, Michigan
Intermediate, Maplewood Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Junior-Intermediate, Hudsonville Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Michigan
Chicago Avenue United Brethren Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Colwood United Brethren Church, Unionville, Michigan
Emmanuel Congregational Church, Plevna, Montana
Adult Alumni Department, New Jersey Union, Bloomfield, New Jersey
Youth Fellowship, Rea Avenue Reformed Church, Hawthorne, New Jersey
First Presbyterian Church, Ocean City, New Jersey
Junior, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey
Junior High, Margaretville-New Kingston Larger Presbyterian Parish, Margaretville, New York
Queens County Union, Jamaica, New York
Presbyterian Church of Our Saviour, Staten Island, New York
Intermediate, The Dutch Reformed Church of Woodstock, Woodstock, New York
Senior, Central Tabernacle Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Brown Road Community Church, Columbus, Ohio
Franklin County Union, Columbus, Ohio
Bykota, Southwood Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio
Lively Leaders Class, First United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio
Senior, United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio
High School, Prescott Avenue United Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio
Mount Zion United Brethren Church, Junction City, Ohio
First United Presbyterian Church, Mingo Junction, Ohio
Central United Brethren Church, Montpelier, Ohio
Otterbein United Brethren Church, Rockford, Ohio
Senior, Harvest Lane United Brethren Church, Toledo, Ohio
Wren Circuit, United Brethren in Christ Church, Van Wert, Ohio
Young People's, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania
High School, First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania
Leader Young People's, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Boyertown, Pennsylvania
Junior High, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Senior, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Young People's, King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
Senior, Central Methodist Church, Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Owensdale Evangelical United Brethren Church, Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, East Petersburg, Pennsylvania
Maysville Community Church, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Adult Community, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Junior, Center United Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania
North Liberty United Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania
St. David's Lutheran and Reformed Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania
St. Bartholomew's Union Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania
Five Societies, Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Junior High and Senior High, Schwenkfelder Church, Lansdale, Pennsylvania
Junior Division, Lititz, Pennsylvania
Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania
Uriah Evangelical United Bhethren Church, Mt. Holly Spring, Pennsylvania
Mt. Tabor, Evangelical United Brethren Church, New Holland, Pennsylvania
Doubling Gap Church of God, Newville, Pennsylvania
Senior, Palm Schwenkfelder Church, Palm, Pennsylvania
Montgomery County Union, Palm, Pennsylvania
Senior, Bethel Evangelical Congregational Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Young People's, First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior, Leverington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Palethorp Memorial Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Alumni, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior High-Young People's, Talmage Memorial Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Branch Junior, Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Schuylkill Branch, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Junior, Junior High, and Intermediate, Westminster-Mayfair Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Alumni, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mercer County Union, Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania
Junior, Prince Street United Brethren in Christ Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
Senior, Prince Street United Brethren in Christ Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
Adult, Faith Evangelical Congregational Church, Temple, Pennsylvania
Alumni Association of Luzerne County, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Friedensaal's Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania
Greater Dallas Union, Dallas, Texas
Harris County Union, Houston, Texas
Junior High, Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas
Galveston County Union, LeMarque, Texas
Junior, Junior High, and Senior, Paul's Union Church, LeMarque, Texas
Blue Ridge District Union, McCoy, Virginia
Adult, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mount Solon, Virginia
Hope Chapel, Norfolk, Virginia
Senior, Melrose Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Senior High, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Young People's, Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia
Fifth Street United Brethren Church, Staunton, Virginia
First Congregational Church, Dryden, Washington
Adult Fellowship, First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia
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Gibbsville Reformed Church, Oostburg, Wisconsin
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Senior, Roseville United Brethren in Christ Church, Ayr, Ontario, Canada
Adult, New Dundee United Brethren Church, Petersburg, Ontario, Canada
Lambton County Fellowship, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada
Adult, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada
Junior, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada
Senior, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario, Canada
Senior, Alma Street United Brethren Church, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Bloem Avenue United Brethren Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Senior, Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

NEWS AND VIEWS

• ALLIED YOUTH named Dr. Thomas J. Shipp of Dallas, Texas, as chairman of its Board of Trustees at its annual meeting February 9. He succeeds Dr. Daniel A. Poling, who was named honorary chairman. Dr. Poling, long-time Christian Endeavor leader, founded Allied Youth, a group which endeavors to help young people become aware of the whole truth concerning the use of alcoholic beverages.

• WESTCHESTER COUNTY (New York) Endeavorers held their 70th annual convention February 22 at Dayspring Presbyterian Church, Yonkers. The theme, "Christ, the Light of the World," was carried out through conferences, worship, and a closing fellowship banquet with Dr. Carl M. Schneider of Pennsylvania as speaker.

• CHICAGO CLOSE-UP is still available for use by societies and unions, on a loan basis. This set of over 150 Kodachrome 2 x 2 slides with accompanying script gives a complete visual report of the 1961 International Convention in Chicago. It's a wonderful promotion piece for Washington 1963, and there's no charge, except postage. Schedule these slides through Phyllis I. Rike at Christian Endeavor International.

GERMAN ENDEAVORERS visiting Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, are Rosemarie Kohl and her brother Manfred. These youth, whose home is Pforzheim, Germany, now live in Central Islip, Long Island, New York, and meet regularly with a German Christian Endeavor society at the Liebenzell Mission in New Jersey.

• APRIL 27-28 are the dates for the Middle Altantic Regional Conference at the Hotel Madison, Atlantic City, New Jersey. "A Blueprint for Leadership" is the theme. Program participants include Bishop Clyde W. Meadows; the three members of the International Society staff; Elwood Dunn of Michigan; and Gordon McMordie, Frances M. Becker, B. McClain Cochran, and Dr. Fred Kuehner of Pennsylvania. Send $1 registration fee to Frances A. Miller, 46 Jones Street, Jersey City 6, New Jersey, to receive hotel reservation forms listing special rates for the weekend. James R. Westerhoff is vice-president in charge of the region.

• NATIONWIDE READING of the Easter message is the goal of the American Bible Society. The 18th, 19th, and 20th chapters of the Gospel of John have been reprinted in a pocket-size booklet entitled "He Is Risen." Cost is $3 per hundred. Groups are urged to order quantities for distribution from 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York. Single copy will be sent free on request.

• A LARGER PROPORTION OF YOUTH has been apparent in recent British Union conventions, according to the report of William J. Sharpe, general secretary for Area II of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. At last year's convention in Coventry, 65% of the delegates were under 30 years of age. This is largely due to the Young People's Drive for more and better societies, which has been launched by the British Endeavorers to meet the challenge of "the bulge" —post-war babies now grown up.

• PHILADELPHIA ENDEAVORERS marked their 75th anniversary at a dinner March 2 at Gaston Presbyterian Church, where the first Christian Endeavor society in the city was organized. Among long-timers honored at the event was the oldest living past president, Dr. Clarence Chain, who served in 1906. The new president, Wayne Smulling, and other officers were installed. Rev. Harold J. Hallam of Schuylkill Haven Methodist Church was the speaker. Chairman of the event was Norman Klauder, a Philadelphia Union past president who is currently serving as vice-president of the International Society and treasurer of the World's Union.

Photo by James A. Tayl

SCHEDULING EXTENSION WORK i the Queens County area are Paul E Swedlund (left), vice-president of th local union, and Elwood Dunn, exten sion representative of the Interna tional Society. Mr. Dunn was in south eastern New York State February 9 23 for visitation and extension work particularly in the metropolitan Nev York area. Paul is currently teen-ag associate president of the state union

SHARING WITH OTHERS is an annua Thanksgiving event at Annville Insti tute. Students at this Reformed Church in America mission in Ann ville, Kentucky, are active Endeavor ers. Their contributions of food and money were turned over to Rev. Ray mond Denekas, chairman of the Re ligious Council, for distribution to eleven needy families. Leaders pic tured with the display of food are (from left) Mr. Denekas, who is presi dent of the Kentucky Christian En deavor Union; Adriane Boender, state recording secretary; and Mrs. Janet Van Der Woude, vice-president for Kentucky's Eastern Area.

Ready - for - YOUth RESOURCES

FOR THE COUNSELOR

By

Mary Lou Funk

Yours is an important responsibility in which you should really mean business with God and with young people. To be an effective counselor takes dedication, time, and work.

Have a loving concern for each young person in your group.

Get acquainted with each one of them and their families.

Know the characteristics of teenagers. They want to be accepted as grown-up. They long to "belong." This is the age when many become Christians.

Be prepared to counsel your young people about their personal problems.

Attend conferences, workshops, etc., on youth and youth work.

Learn all you can about Christian Endeavor.

Pray much for your Christian Endeavor group, remembering specific needs.

Be a faithful student and doer of God's Word.

Be enthusiastic, patient, tactful, and have a sense of humor.

Be very faithful and punctual in attending committee meetings (at least those in which major decisions and plans are to be made), especially of the Executive Committee, and society meetings and activities.

- Be alert to situations which need changing, to those which need smoothing out, to those which need your encouragement and advice, to those which deserve your praise.
- Do not do for any of your officers or members what they should and can do themselves. Keep your emphasis on stimulating, instructing, and encouraging them to perform their responsibilities well. Be like a coach; let the young people do the playing out on the center of the floor, and you do the coaching on the side line.
- Talk with your pastor occasionally about the young people in your group and their activities.
- Remember that all the time you spend and all the energy you expend in this work will be amply rewarded when these young people develop into mature Christians and become church leaders tomorrow.

Program Plans FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

By

Mary Lou Funk

JULY and AUGUST TOPICS

Date	Topic
July 7	**Time on My Hands** (to help Junior Highs rely on their own creativeness in providing constructive recreation)
July 14	**Well-Kept Temples** (recreation plays a part in building and keeping a body in which God may abide)
July 21	**Do You Prepare?** (each member should be prepared for every Christian Endeavor meeting)
July 28	**Learning by Doing** (a do-it-yourself meeting)
August 4	**You're Needed Too!** (participants are as important as leaders)
August 11	**My Purpose** (to help Junior Highs consider Christian vocations)
August 18	**Vocation Tour** (church-related vocations needing personnel)
August 25	**Appointment for Guidance** (God can be served in any worthy profession)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

July

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Late this month or early in August have reports on the International Christian Endeavor Convention by those from your church who attended. . . . Order copies of the new publication *Guide for ACTION 1963-64,* Junior High edition from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. . . . Keep on guard against a "summer slump." Endeavor to complete this year on a high level—for Christ and the Church.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Ask the Social Committee to be in charge of or to assist with the July 7 and 14 meetings. . . . At the July 7 meeting have a display table with many different types of ideas for wholesome individual or group recreation. Invite each member to bring one item for the table, for example, a checker board, stamp book, softball, etc. . . . If there is a Christian coach or athletic director in your community, invite him to speak at the July 14 meeting. The following week send him a letter of thanks. . . . For variety, arrange the seating differently for one or more of this month's meetings. Perhaps you could have one outdoor meeting. Be sure the location is suitable for your program and for members to get to.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Promote letter writing between those members who are away and those who are at home. Have a weekly report on this project. . . . From your records, show the Devotional Committee which members have participated little or not at all in programs. Encourage these members to be present and to take part in the unit on "Leading and Participating in Meetings," July 21-August 4. . . . Invite Junior Highs who are visiting in your community to your meetings.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: To stimulate the reading of missionary books, plan an afternoon at your church or city library for reading. Stop for a coke on your way home. . . . From your pastor, get the names and addresses of persons whose eyesight makes reading impossible or difficult; arrange for Junior Highs to visit them and read to them. . . . Publicize a missionary of the month.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Cooperate with the Devotional Committee in planning and presenting the July 7 and 14 meetings. . . . If many of your group have more "time on their hands" during summer months, have at least two socials each month. Here are some ideas: treasure hunt, softball, badminton, volleyball, handcrafts. Take time out at each social for devotions.

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Is there anything you can do this month to improve the appearance of your church property—inside or out? . . . Check with your pastor to see if he has any projects for your group this month.

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August

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: At your monthly business meeting or at each committee meeting, have members write down what they think are the most worthwhile things they did in Christian Endeavor this past year and any suggestions for next year's committees. Give copies of this information to your new officers and committee chairmen. This information should be a guide in helping to evaluate this year's activities and in planning next year's. . . . Make arrangements for and conduct a Planning Conference before school begins.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: At one or more of the last three meetings of this month present the Lifework Recruit Covenant and have enrollment cards available. Also at these meetings, have on display and call attention to books which include material on vocations. . . . In cooperation with the Lookout Committee plan a consecration service for the August 25 meeting. . . . Appoint leaders for September meetings. . . . Make a list of any of your committee methods and program ideas and methods of presentation this past year that were particularly effective.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Keep track of vacationing members. Write those who are gone for two weeks or more. When they return, let them know you're glad they're back and invite them to the next meeting or activity of your society. . . . In cooperation with the Devotional Committee and the leader for the August 25 meeting, plan the consecration service. . . . Make an up-to-date list of all active and associate members and prospects to give to the 1963-64 Lookout Committee; include name, address, and telephone number.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Feature your denominational missionary leaders and pray especially for them. . . . Write to your denominational mission office for lists of missionary personnel needs. Post this information on your bulletin board or give it to the Devotional Committee or the leader of the August 18 meeting, or ask them about your presenting it at that meeting. . . . Urge those of your society who are called of God to do missionary work, to write to a mission board and make this known and ask for suggestions as to high school and college subjects to take.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Here are ideas for this month's socials: swimming, croquet, charades, Bible memory marathon—to see which person or team can quote Scripture the longest.

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Offer to be responsible for providing ushers for the Sunday evening services, and also to have two persons at each entrance to welcome people.

Program Plans

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

By Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies

JULY and AUGUST TOPICS

Date		Topic
July	7	**It's My Time!** (leisure time should not be squandered)
July	14	**Leisure That Lifts** (leisure that kills time or uplifts)
July	21	**I Will Take My Part** (challenging youth to participate in the Christian Endeavor meetings)
July	28	**Leads to Leadership** (showing youth how to participate in Christian Endeavor meetings)
August	4	**"Doers . . . Not Hearers Only"** (actually develop a model meeting)
August	11	**"Speak, Lord"** (how God reveals His will to you)
August	18	**"Here Am I, Send Me"** (church-related vocations)
August	25	**"So Send I You"** (Lifework Recruit presentation)

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

July

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Take the lead in Dominion Day or Independence Day observances in your community.

Send delegates to the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D.C., July 2-6. If impossible to attend, have reports of the event.

Secure copies of the new publication *Guide for ACTION 1963-64* Senior High-Young People's edition from the International Society. They will be very helpful in your planning conference.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Review the June topics on Christian Citizenship. Relate good citizenship to the wise use of leisure time.

Have an outdoor consecration service, this time relating good citizenship to the pledge.

Experience a Singing Hike of patriotic and religious songs, divided into three groups for antiphonal singing.

Plan a water-side pantomime using three episodes which occurred by the water: Matthew 4:18-22; 8:23-27; 13:1-9.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Assign work to the committee so it will not lag while some are on vacation.

Make an up-to-date mailing list of summer addresses.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Point out that the missionary zeal of others helped establish our own churches and country. Display pictures and tell about the history of pioneer churches in your area.

• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Travel to a patriotic shrine for a picnic.

Plan a Rainy Day picnic. Make preparations for inside and outside; advertise that "in case of fair weather it will be necessary to hold the picnic outside."

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Help care for the church and parsonage grounds during the summer. If you commit the society to specific help, be prepared to provide the help that was promised.

August

• EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Study Christian leadership at summer conventions, etc, to observe church-related vocations in action. Interview some leaders about their vocations.

Meet to set up the Planning Conference. Send for material to be used. In the budget, consider support of the International Society of Christian Endeavor through Society Roll Call, Membership Mobilization, or Cost-for-a-Day, through society or individual contributions.

• DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Present "Lasting Impressions" of conventions with slides, tape recordings, and testimonies.

Show the value of Christian Endeavor training in selecting and practicing church-related vocations. People in these vocations may be available to give details about church-related music, education, art, and writing.

• LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Publicize the September Planning Conference through posters, flyers in Sunday school, direct mail, telephone calls. Get as complete a list of prospective members as possible, being sure to include the Junior Highs.

Post notices of society meetings and church services at nearby camps or other tourist centers.

• MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Learn training required for missionaries, areas of greatest need, the standard of living of most missionaries, for the meeting on August 18.

Explain the Lifework Recruit enrollment; have cards available.

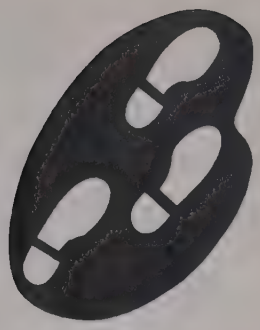
• SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Light a giant-size bonfire for an "End of Summer" farewell to vacation and to college students. Provide lots of food, good singing, and devotions. Have everyone tell one outstanding summer experience and plans for the next year. A picture of the campfire group would be a nice Christmas card enclosure.

• CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Offer to take over some pastoral duties while your minister is on vacation such as, visiting the sick, leading prayer meeting, writing news items. Keep a diary for him of daily happenings among the congregation.

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 3 in a Unit: Following Christian Principles

Wearing Somebody Else's Shoes



Matthew 7:12

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship
Song Service: *Give of Your Best to the Master; I am Thine, O Lord; I Would be Like Jesus*
Scripture
Prayer Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way*
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Topic Presentation
Discussion Time
Hymn of Consecration: *Living for Jesus*
The Christian Endeavor Pledge: (in unison)
Mizpah Benediction

Counseling the Counselor

Encourage the person given the responsibility of planning the meeting to share with you his plans for the meeting. Don't let him feel that the suggestions given offer too much work and planning.

Much of his responsibility will be in planning the meeting, conducting that meeting, and assigning tasks.

For the Leader

Discuss with your counselor the meeting. Check and see if it would be wise to invite the parents of the Junior Highs to the meeting. Assign the parts of the meeting to others in your society at least two weeks before the meeting. Those who act as the "Bystanders" should be able to give emphasis to their parts.

Plan to have a meaningful time of discussion in which each Junior High present will be able to examine his own motives and attitudes in the various situations of life.

Our Aims

1. To gain a deeper appreciatiin of the true meaning of the golden rule.
2. To endeavor to look at a problem through the eyes of another.
3. To gain an appreciation of another's view point.
4. To create an awareness of another's problems and concerns.
5. To develop an awareness of the effect of a person's actions and attitudes towards another.

Publicity

Use an actual shoe with a poster and the invitation, *Come to Christian Endeavor and try on this shoe and see how it feels! Topic: Wearing Somebody Else's Shoes.* Fill in the date and time.

Announcement could be made in Sunday school by two Junior Highs wearing shoes too big for them. Carry out the shoe theme on post card invitations to young people who haven't been attending Christian Endeavor regularly.

Leader's Introduction

We hear many people such as service club speakers and politicians state the golden rule and often they are not Christians. The golden rule has become a rule of life for many. But often its meaning is only taken superficially. The real truth of this statement of Jesus is very rarely understood by the great mass of people who claim it as their pattern of life.

Viewed in the wrong way it can become the basis for a number of misguided deeds. For example, the parent who as a child always felt cheated because her parents could not provide her with all of the things the other kids had. She resolved as a parent to give her child everything that money could buy. She is doing for her child what she, as a child, desired others to do for her and is thus in some way applying the golden rule to her situation.

From this we can see that the "whatsoever ye would" should arise out of a strictly Christian viewpoint. Its real meaning rests upon what man *ought* to wish that men should do. It involves very deeply the application of Christian love. It requires that with a Christian conscience we stand in another's shoes and experience his difficulties and problems and sense his needs and then ask "How would I want my fellow man to treat me?" and the answer to that question should serve as the guide to further action.

Let's hear now from some bystanders who witnessed some interesting situations involving Junior Highs.

FIRST BYSTANDER: I'm the parent of a Junior High. The other day after I had just finished cleaning and waxing the kitchen floor Johnny came bounding in the backdoor tracking mud all over the place. There's a mat on the back porch which I have continually asked the children to use. It's no easy task to keep a family of five well fed and in clean clothes let alone have to clean up unnecessarily.

SECOND BYSTANDER: I'm a Junior High teacher. I've been noticing how Bill, one of my best students, has been treating Mike who moved into the community last month. Mike's family is very poor and therefore he doesn't have the kind of clothes most of the other students have. Bill seems to have gone out of his way to be nasty to Mike and to criticize his clothing. I'm surprised that Bill is doing this for as I said, he is a good student, and I know that he is active in his church.

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THIRD BYSTANDER: I'm the Junior High basketball coach. I was surprised and disappointed the other day with the attitude of George, captain of our team. We were playing against the other Junior High team in town. Things weren't going too well for us. I noticed a number of times that George tripped players from the other team. We lost the game. When the captain of the other team came over to tell George he was sorry they lost, George stamped out of the gymnasium without even saying a word.

FOURTH BYSTANDER: Hi, I'm Sally. I sometimes find it difficult to understand Barbara, my best girl friend. The other day in the drug store Barbara told some terrible things to the rest of the gang about Sandra the new class president. I know they weren't true, but the others didn't, and so they believed them. I guess Barbara said those things because she was upset about not winning the election for class president.

FIFTH BYSTANDER: Last Sunday night our president, Larry, brought Al, a new fella in the community, to Christian Endeavor. As counselor I tried to make him feel welcome, however, I am sure he didn't. Hardly anyone in the society spoke to him. Maybe it was because he had darker skin and an accent. If the group continues to be "cool" toward visitors we will never increase the size of the society and get new members.

Further Discussion

You might inject into the meeting the consideration of the golden rule as it affects parent-child relationships. You could use this as another means of presenting the topic.

If you do you would want to invite your parents to the meeting. Both parents and Junior Highs will participate together in the worship service. The group would divide with adults in one room with the pastor and Junior Highs in another room with their counselor. Each group should be concerned with one question. The parents will discuss the question, "What are some of the things about your children's attitudes which bother you?" The Junior Highs could use the question, "What is there about your parents and their attitude toward you that annoys you?" Here are some of the comments that might be expected from the Junior Highs (have someone write them on the chalkboard):

- When our parents are moody they become even more irritated with us than normally.
- They keep treating us like we were infants.
- They don't respect our opinions.
- Their favorite saying is, "When I was your age."
- They require standards for us which they themselves don't live by.

Some of the comments that you might expect from the parent group are:

- They just don't want to accept our advice which is based upon our experience.
- They are always arguing with us about anything which we say.
- I just won't stand for their sloppy styles of dress and hair-do.
- They certainly don't see any work to be done without bribing them to do it.
- I wish they would learn to think for themselves instead of always getting their friends' opinion first.

The two groups can come together to share the responses to their respective questions. A good deal of discussion could follow. It is important that some definite conclusions are reached. The Junior Highs might make the following:

1. We resolve to accept some specific responsibility about the house and to keep alert to those things which need to be done about the house.

2. We will try to share with our parents our concerns and problems on even very personal matters and keep an open mind to their advice, instead of first going to the gang.

3. We will recognize that our parents' anxieties about health or business or finances often affect their attitude toward us.

4. We will agree to be more dependable when we agree to do something.

Questions for Discussion

1. Have you been in similar situations to those related to us by the bystanders? Mention some.

2. Is it easy to live by the golden rule?

3. How is it possible to carry our Christianity over to everyday living? Share with the group ways you have found.

4. In what ways can you help fellow Christians to live by the way of love as mentioned in I Corinthians 13?

5. Can you name some definite ways in which you can put the golden rule into practice in school, in your home, and in recreation?

The parents may make the following resolutions:

1. We will endeavor to make and keep our homes in such a way that our children will be encouraged to bring their friends home for fellowship and fun.

2. We will try not to bring the problems of the office home to the family.

3. We will try to provide more time for family activities which can be enjoyed together.

Even if you choose not to invite your parents to the meeting you can still use the above material for a time of discussion together with the suggested *Questions for Discussion.*

Leader's Conclusion

We have heard some true to life experiences. Some of them may have come very close to attitudes that we have. It's easy for us to be a Christian on Sunday when we meet with other Christians at the church. But so often during the week we find it either difficult or we don't even bother about trying to do Christ's will. The golden rule can take on realistic meaning only as we use it as a Christian principle, but first we must be Christ's—He must be our Saviour and Lord. Many of the fellas and girls at school will never hear a sermon except the one we are living before them each day we see them in the locker room, in the cafeteria, on the floor of the gymnasium, and in the classroom. Do they see Christ in us, in our actions, in the things that we say? Are we really trying to live for Christ by understanding other people and their needs and problems?

Let us close our meeting tonight by listening to the words of the apostle Paul in I Corinthians 13. (You may find it more helpful to use either *Philips translation* or the *New English New Testament.)*

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 29 Help for the Suffering Luke 17:11-14
T. Apr. 30 Reward for the Beggar Luke 16:19-26
W. May 1 Kindness for the Foreigner Ruth 1:6-10
T. May 2 Sorrow with Those Who Sorrow John 11:32-36
F. May 3 Rejoice with Those Who Rejoice Luke 15:1-10
S. May 4 Be a Neighbor Luke 10:33-37
Sun. May 5—Topic: Wearing Somebody Else's Shoes Matthew 7:12

Comments by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr., minister of Saint John's Evangelical Congregational Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania

Topic 1 in a Unit: Youth's Role in the Home

King and Queen for Every Day

Ephesians 6:1-3
(Mother's Day)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Proverbs 1:7-9
Song Service: *Blessed Assurance, The Song of the Soul Set Free, Are Ye Able, Begin Each Day With Jesus*
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-3
Prayer: (Before the meeting ask three or four young people to be prepared to lead in prayer.)
Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers* (Perhaps you can also use the words *Faith of Our Mothers* that are sometimes sung to this same tune.)
Topic Presentation
Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Mizpah Benediction

Publicity

For a poster idea, you might try to get actual snapshots of two or three parents of your members and put them on the poster with picture album stickers. Then paint large crowns over each of the photos with the topic title printed prominently on the poster.

Or you might use the coronation idea for a skit for your Sunday school. With cardboard crowns you could crown some of the parents of your members. Robes and a fancy pillow to carry the crown on can be worked in as well. Close the skit with an invitation to attend the Christian Endeavor meeting.

For the Leader and Counselor

You should study the Scriptures to be used in the *Scripture Searching* section so that you will be ready to offer any assistance that may be needed in this section.

The *Problem* sections and the *Dramatization* section should be given out early enough to be well read and understood. The playlet can be made as simple or as thorough as time and your abilities and resources will allow. Just a few items of furniture and other properties such as books, etc. will help the players get into the feel of the play and will add to its effectiveness.

Leader's Introduction

Tonight our topic is called "King and Queen For Every Day." We will be trying to discover proper and Christian attitudes for Junior Highs to have towards parents. We won't be able to settle all the problems that come up between parents and ourselves but perhaps we all can learn something about how we ought to live for Christ in our homes.

First of all, let us remember that nobody has perfect parents. Parents are people after all and people sometimes make mistakes or give the wrong answers no matter how hard they try.

On the other hand, no Junior High young person is perfect either. More than at any other time in life Junior High age is a time for learning to act like an adult, think like an adult, and be like an adult. While learning, we could make mistakes that would do damage to our whole life.

If we can remember both sides of this story tonight, perhaps it will help us in learning how to be Christian in our attitudes toward our parents.

Our Aims

1. To help Christian youth see the importance of showing proper respect and honor to their parents.
2. To encourage respect in everyday life in the home.
3. To encourage independence that will give honor to parents instead of dishonor and shame.

Talks on the Topic

We Want Freedom

One of the things that young people usually want and that causes the most friction between them and their parents is freedom. We would like to be considered old enough to make certain decisions for ourselves. We can't always understand why we have to be in at a set time, why we can't be allowed as many nights out as we want. We'd like to be free from their controls. Sometimes their decisions seem unreasonable or unnecessary. We like to be treated like adults but sometimes it seems like we are only treated like adults when it is the adults who will benefit. Can we develop freedom for ourselves and still honor and obey our parents? How can we be free as long as we must obey? To answer these questions we must consider some other problems.

What Is Freedom?

Sometimes people get a wrong idea of what freedom is. Some think you are free when you are your own boss completely. If this is freedom then no one is ever free. Even in a free country, no one, not even the leader of your government, is free in that sense. Even he is bound to do what the people want him to do. If freedom is being completely your own boss, Stalin came about as close as anyone has come to it. But we would not have called him free at all. This wrong idea of what freedom is makes some people rebels against law and order and produces juvenile delinquents and adult criminals.

Jesus believed it was possible to both honor parents and to be free. He taught us to follow the commandment "Honor thy father and thy mother," when he talked to the rich young ruler in Luke 18, but he also said "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," in John 8. Jesus went on, then, to point out that disobedience of God's will is what makes a person a slave. Freedom and obedience of God's will go together. A person can only be free if he obeys God.

The Cost of Freedom

Is freedom given to use freely? No, it is not. The cost is responsibility. Every freedom we have has a responsibility connected to it. If we want to be free to go out as many nights as we wish we also have to be willing to accept the responsibility of judging how many nights we can be out without it being harmful to our school work, to our need for rest, and such things.

We probably won't be given such freedom if we think we can suddenly start going out every night of the week

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and won't use good sense with our freedom. If we want to be free to choose whom we will be friends with, we must also take the responsibility of choosing the right kind of friends.

Using our freedoms recklessly and with no thought for the responsibility they place upon us reflects badly upon our parents. We do not honor them with such behavior. In this sense Dad and Mom should be treated like they were king and queen, not only on Father's Day or Mother's Day but all year long. By this we see that the Christian thing to do is to endeavor always to do only what will be a credit to them.

How to Show Willingness

How can we show our parents we are willing to accept the responsibility of our actions? Jesus gives us the answer in Luke 16:10 (Read it). We grow into the larger responsibilities by showing our ability to take the smaller ones.

If your dad gives you 50c to spend as you please during the week and you immediately run to the store and spend it all on pop and candy, he isn't likely to increase it to $1.00 the next week. But he might if he found that you set aside 5c for God's work, some for something special that may come along, and that you have 5c left at the end of the week.

What Does the Bible Say?

Let's study some of the Scripture passages that deal with attitudes and relations between young people and parents. (Divide the group into two sections and assign these passages to them for study.) One group will search in I Samuel 8:1-5 and Luke 15:11-19, 25-30, and will list ways in which children showed lack of respect and honor for their parents. The other group will study Genesis 22:1-12 and Luke 2:41-52, and will list ways of respect and honor.

A Dramatization

Here is a little play that will help point up the topic further.

(Characters: John Graham and his father and Bob Archer and his father. Both boys are 13 and in the same room at school.)

Scene I: On their way home from school.

JOHN: Boy am I glad this day's over! That Mr. Steward sure gives rough exams.

BOB: Yeah! I think I must have failed that one. I sure did rotten.

JOHN: You're crazy. You always are the best one in the class in Geography.

BOB: Well not this time, but who cares? As soon as I'm old enough I'm quitting school anyway. I don't see the point of these subjects if I'm just going to drive one of those hot stock cars in all the big races. They don't teach that in school.

JOHN: But I thought your dad wanted you to go to college and get to be some kind of engineer or something?

BOB: Yeah, civil engineer I think he calls it. How stupid, and besides, what does he know about it? He never even finished high school. He seems to be getting along all right. He sure is dumb if he can't see that you don't need school to get somewhere in this world. Sometimes parents act like they don't know anything at all.

JOHN: Hey, don't let him hear you talk like that.

BOB: Don't worry, he won't. I have to talk nice to him when he's around. Well, see you Monday.

JOHN: So long! Meet you at the corner on Monday morning. (He leaves.)

Scene II (Later at Bob's house. Bob is seated when his father enters.)

BOB: Hello Dad.

MR. ARCHER: Hello Son. How did school go today?

BOB: Oh, it went alright I guess, but just not fast enough for me.

MR. ARCHER: That again, eh? Say, I see the lawn needs mowing. How about giving it the once over?

BOB: Oh sure, Dad, first thing tomorrow morning. *(Rises and walks to door. Then, under his breath.)* That is, if you can find me before I take off with the boys. *(He leaves.)*

Scene III (About the same time at John's house. John is seated as his father enters.)

MR. GRAHAM: Hello John. Where's your mother?

JOHN: Oh, she's around some place. Maybe she went out in the yard for a bit.

MR. GRAHAM: Oh! Say, you're going to have to get the lawn mowed soon. It's getting pretty long again.

JOHN: Ah Dad! I just mowed it last Saturday. It can't be that bad yet.

MR. GRAHAM: Well it is. That rain we had this week made it shoot right up.

JOHN: But Dad, I was planning on going over to Ralph's place and play a little ball tomorrow. It can wait till next week and it still won't look too bad.

MR. GRAHAM: By next week it will be too long, especially if we get some more rain like the weather man is predicting for this area. You'd better do it tomorrow.

JOHN: *(As he gets up and leaves.)* Ah, nuts. I'll do it if you say so but I still think it doesn't need it yet.

Discussion

(In this section are a number of questions. Stop and give time for discussion on each one before going to the next part.)

In the play, we have seen two different attitudes toward parents. Where do you feel the attitudes of the boys showed lack of respect and honor?

In some places in the play, it may be a little hard to say what was disrespectful and what was not but after all, in life the difference between right and wrong is not always really clear either. Sometimes, the difference is between something good and something better. Is it a sign of a lack of respect if, like John, a boy or girl disagrees with his or her parents?

When a young person is becoming an independent adult there are bound to be times when they will disagree with parents. This is because every human being is made by God, has different experiences and surroundings that influence his thinking. So, like snowflakes, each one is a little different from every other person in the way he looks, thinks, acts, and believes.

Should parents always be obeyed? Look up I Kings 22:51-53 to help you in your discussion of this question.

Read Luke 2:41-49. Remember that Jesus was just about our age at this time. Would you say that He was disrespectful of his parents for what He did? Give reasons for your answers.

Alternate Development

This would be a good time to invite the parents of your members to the meeting. For the program, the problems could be read and then discussed by a panel made up of two or three of your members and two or three parents. Emphasis could be laid on the subject of the topic by having a brief ceremony in which each of the parents present would be crowned as "King (or Queen) for every day".

The dramatization could also be used effectively as a starter for opening discussion. Be careful, however, that the parents don't do all the talking and take the meeting out of the hands of the leader. This is where the leader may need some help from the counselor.

Daily Bible Readings

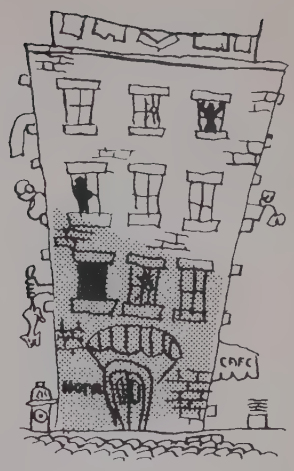
M. May 6 The First Home Genesis 2:21-25
T. May 7 Happy Parents Genesis 21:1-3
W. May 8 A Dedicated Child I Samuel 2:18-20
T. May 9 A Brokenhearted Father II Samuel 18:31-33
F. May 10 A Commandment with a Promise Exodus 20:12
S. May 11 A Good Mother Proverbs 31:13-21
Sun. May 12—Topic: King and Queen for Every Day Ephesians 6:1-3
(Mother's Day)

Comments by Rev. Burton Weber, Minister of Garrison Road United Brethren in Christ Church, Fort Erie, Ontario

Topic 2 in a Unit: Youth's Role in the Home

A Home or a Hotel

Proverbs 29:15-17; Colossians 3:12-14



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Leader's Introduction
Talks on the Topic
Discussion Time
Counselor's Closing Remarks

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Make a poster with a picture of a ice home and the picture of a hotel t out of a magazine. Print question arks around each and write the question: *"Is Your House a Home or a lotel?"* List the time of the meeting nd the leader.

Invitations could be cut out in the hape of a house and mailed in envelopes to your membership. This kind f invitation can also be handed out as he Junior Highs leave Sunday school.

Our Aims

1. To understand the difference between a hotel and a home.

2. To discover ways in which Junior Highs can help to make their house a home.

Leader's Introduction

In every home there are rules and regulations. Why can't life be one continual house party or celebration? Almost invariably, in the process of mulling it over, we learn something about ourselves, our parents and life. (Read Proverbs 29:15-17.)

(Read Colossians 3:12-14 and ask the group to think about their homes.) Who are the persons who always want to make peace? Who is the one who wants to bring the family together in the bonds of understanding and love? Are you the person in your home who sows righteousness and reaps happiness? One thing is certain: if you are not, you can become this person.

Christian joy is expressed at home by the way we do household tasks together. In one home the whole family helps clear the table after dinner and they all help wash or wipe the dishes. As they work, they sing and talk and joke. The dishes are washed so quickly that no one thinks of it as a hardship.

In another home the mother tells Don it's his turn to help with the dishes, and he responds, "Why do I have to work all the time? I washed last night and the night before." His sister comments, "Last night was my turn; you have to work tonight, see you later."

What makes the difference? Which attitude is more Christian, the idea of sharing, or the idea of getting out of as much work as possible?

Listen to the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:38-42. How can we apply these words to Christian family life? What is your role in the Family?

We may know of houses that hold some unhappy people. They are filled with the noises of people quarreling, crying, hitting each other, slamming doors, and displaying their tempers. There is a difference between a *house* and a *home.*

There are other houses in which people live as if they were in hotels. The people rarely quarrel. Each one has his own interests and friends and goes his own way. He eats and sleeps there and that's about it.

A home is more than nice furniture and comfort and conveniences. A home may have all these things and more and still be only a house or a hotel where youth grow into selfish snobs and moral and spiritual delinquents.

A full stomach does not guarantee a grateful heart. Comfort is no guarantee of character. A clever tongue and keen mind do not insure Christian values. Only *Christian* homes give spiritual warmth and adequacy that no man can buy or sell.

Try to evaluate your role as a member of the family in making the change from "being done for" to "doing for ourselves." Whether the issue is taking responsibility for budgeting an allowance or volunteering for some task at home, we have to be thoughtful, kind, generous, understanding, and loving.

Let us take a good look at ourselves. Do we talk our problems over with our parents instead of sulking and thinking unkind things? Do we enjoy trips, picnics, and other forms of recreation with the family?

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If our home life is to be wholly Christian, we must forget ourselves, our selfishness, and our wish to make others follow our desires. God will help us if we seek his guidance.

Let us now hear of some of the ways in which a house can truly become a home.

Talks on the Topic

Helping in the Home

God has willed that man should live together in units that we call a family. Within the family there should be true love for one another because of the love that Christ has for us. Our love for one another should be expressed in sharing and helping in the various tasks that need to be done daily. But we must be careful that the tasks do not become so important that we miss the very joy of life and fellowship with one another. This was a difficulty that Martha of Bethany had. In Luke 10:38-42 Jesus tells Martha that she is concerned and troubled about many things. Jesus came to their home to fellowship with them not to have them make a fuss over him or go to a great deal of trouble in preparing a meal.

The Product of a Christian Home

In II Timothy 1:3-5 Paul thanks God for him and his faith that came through his home surroundings. A faith that was a part of the life of his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice.

The Christian home should be molding Christian lives. Example is a very important aspect of this. A child will do and say those things that it learns from its parents and the home situation. We need more homes in which Christ is the center of all of its activities.

Entertaining Guests

In Luke 5:27-32 we are told of the call of Matthew the tax collector to follow Jesus. He responded to the call of Christ and invited Him to a great feast in his house. If our homes are Christian then they should be open to guests who can come and share in our Christian fellowship and concern. The very Christian life is such that we must be hospitable and neighborly, not because it is expected of us—no never this—but because out of His love we want to be this way.

Jealousy in the Home

We cannot have a home if there is jealousy. This is the situation that existed in Jacob's home. His sons were jealous of their brother Joseph, and you know what that jealousy drove them to do.

Jealousy will always tear down a home. Jealousy between parents or jealousy between brothers and sisters cannot go unchecked. It is only as Christ is made the head of the home and of each life in the home that such evils as jealousy can be destroyed. Where there is love for one another and respect for each others opinion jealousy cannot get a foothold.

Illustrations

Henry Grady, a nationally known man of his times, once was lost in Georgia. When night came, he had to find some place to stay. It was not always safe to ask for lodging, especially in that section.

Finally he summoned up enough courage to go to a shabby cabin. The people were poor and uneducated. Their clothing was rough. But the people were kind and gracious.

At bedtime, the man said, "We go to bed early, as we are up so early. We always have time for a bit of Bible reading and family prayer. Will you join us?" All of Grady's fears vanished. He was in a God-fearing family who looked to God for guidance.

Alice is a beautiful girl, but she is selfish. When she wakes up her first thought is of herself, "What will I wear?" or "Somebody bring me my books." or "Why isn't my breakfast ready?" She cultivates selfishness. She never thinks of the joy of thinking of the other fellow first.

Ask God to guide you to someone in need. Say, "I will not ask anyone to do for me what I can do for myself." Think of others. What member of the family needs help today?

Leader's Conclusion

We have heard of some of the attitudes and practices that can help to make a house a home. Each one of us should be doing all we can to make our dwelling place not a hotel but a home.

If you do not have family devotions together then you should encourage your parents to do so. You volunteer to lead the first one.

Questions for Discussion

1. Name some ways in which a hous can be changed from a hotel to a hom

2. What are some crisis situation that we must face in family life?

3. What do you think of the expres sion, "The family that prays together stays together."?

4. In what ways can television hinde family life? How can it enrich famil life?

5. What resources are available t help strengthen the home?

6. Do other members of the famil bother or worry you? Why?

7. How can your Christian faith mak a difference in your home?

Family Projects

If you want your house to be a home rather than a hotel you may consider recommending some of the following projects for your family to share in. Your house will be more of a home when you do things together as a family.

Once a month you may select a particular country to learn more about. Your mother could prepare a supper using food that is eaten in that country. You can have someone else in the family responsible for telling the rest of the family some of the customs observed in that country. You may even want to learn some Bible verses in the language of the people of the country you are studying.

With the weather warming up you will want to encourage your family to go together on outings and picnics. Some of your outings may be to the lake or country or to other places of interest such as museums.

Daily Bible Readings

M. May 13 Helping in the Home
Luke 10:38-42
T. May 14 The Product of a Christian Home
II Timothy 1:3-5
W. May 15 Entertaining Guests Luke 5:27-32
T. May 16 Christian Hospitality Acts 16:14,15
F. May 17 A Friend in the Home
I Samuel 18:1-4
S. May 18 Jealousy in the Home
Genesis 37:1-4
Sun. May 19—Topic: A Home or a Hotel
Proverbs 29:15-17; Colossians 3:12-14

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Topic 3 in a Unit: Youth's Role in the Home

Homes of Tomorrow

Joshua 24:15

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1-3.
Hymns: *Living for Jesus. Give of Your Best to the Master, Faith of Our Fathers.*
Prayer: (By members of the Devotional Committee.)
Announcements and Offering
Scripture: Joshua 24:15; Matthew 7:24-27
Jesus, the Home Builder
Hymn: *Good Night and Good Morning*
Open House
Inventory: Am I Building My Future Home Now?
Home-making Conversations
Sentence Prayers
Hymn: *Beyond the Sunset*
Benediction

Publicity

POSTER: Search home magazines or the newspaper for a picture of a house under construction. Mount it at one side of a posterboard. Across from it place a figure of Christ cut from any picture in which he is standing in about the right position. Print: *Homes of Tomorrow by Jesus, the Home Builder. What will yours be like? Attend our Open House this Sunday.*

INTEREST CENTER: Cut out pictures of houses, all kinds, inside and outside views. Put up dozens of pictures on a bulletin board or chalkboard. Or stretch shelf paper around the side of the meeting room and paste pictures on it. Leave a space at the center of the display for a picture of Christ. If possible, include sketches of the house built on the rock and the house built on the sand.

Our Aim

To suggest goals toward which Junior Highs should aim in looking forward to their own homes.

Jesus, the Home Builder

1. Jesus knew about building homes. He grew up in a carpenter shop. He knew the tools of the building trade and the methods for proper construction. Sometimes He used this knowledge to teach people a lesson. What happened to the house built upon a rock? (Matthew 7:25.) What happened to the house built upon the sand? (Matthew 7:27.)

Jesus knew that the spiritual home of a family is more important than the house of wood or brick. He used the building trade to emphasize the importance of faith and obedience in building our earthly homes. The house on the rock was built on a knowledge of Jesus, His teachings, and obedience to Him. This is the house which will stand.

2. In family relationships, too, Jesus set the standard for spiritual things, rather than the worldly emphasis. When He visited the home in Bethany, where Martha was busy with much serving, while Mary listened to Him, He explained, "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:42). Again, when Mary was criticized for anointing Him with costly ointment, He taught: "The poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always" (John 12:8).

A family, then, should not put material things or personal disagreements before worship. Christ should be the center of every household and, as the beloved old motto says, "The unseen Guest at every meal."

3. While Jesus knew how to construct a good house and how to develop good family relationships among family members and between the family and Himself, He was the most concerned with leading a family to its heavenly home. "In my Father's house are many mansions: . . . I go to prepare a place for you," He promised (John 14:2).

Many of His instructions for everyday family living, such as His teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, are essential for reaching the heavenly home. "Not every one . . . shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father" (Matther 7:21).

Open House

(Be sure that the speakers for this part of the program look over the picture display ahead of time so that they can point out pictures of homes that illustrate the points they are talking about.)

BUILDER: Welcome to our Open House. We want to show you the latest thing in the homes of tomorrow. We know you will be impressed with the construction of these homes, and we hope that someday they will be yours.

First of all, the home of tomorrow will be streamlined and efficent. Special air-conditioners will eliminate dust all year around. Special fabrics will resist soil. Everything will clean easily, though it will not need cleaning very often. The housewife will have much leisure time. The homeowner will find maintenance time much less than it used to be.

HOMEMAKER: I certainly look forward to all these hours of freedom from housework. But I wonder how people will use them. For idle pursuits? For doing nothing? Leisure time, while it can be very useful, is too often used by families for questionable amusements and empty pleasures. Leisure is often a time for serving worldly gods of pleasure, sin, and corruption. Joshua's words are particularly important as we plan for a future home of streamlined efficiency: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). Leisure hours can be very valuable in the service of Christ. We can train to be teachers, take extra Bible classes, sing in the choir, help to make calls, write notes to absentees. In the home of the future, we should plan for more hours to be spent in service to Christ.

BUILDER: The house of tomorrow will be filled with efficient, automatic appliances. They will work with push-button ease. They will seldom need servicing, oiling or adjusting.

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HOMEMAKER: I wish it were the same with members of the family. I'm afraid some oil is often needed to smooth over rough relationships; and some adjusting is needed between parents' ideas and children's ideas. Perhaps the hardest place to apply the Golden Rule is at home. "Do unto others" becomes hard to work out between brothers and sisters. And with our desire for all these appliances and gadgets, we find it hard to remember to "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

BUILDER: The house of tomorrow will contain a large, well-equipped family room. There will be space for all kinds of activities, storage room for hobbies and collections, equipment for music and games.

HOMEMAKER: I hope, with all these activities in the family room, that they will not lose the habit of family devotions. It is a good thing for a family to take time every day for Bible reading and prayer. It helps for family problems and activities to be examined regularly in the light of God's Word, and to be taken to the heavenly Father in prayer. The Bible describes devout households like that of Cornelius: "A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always" (Acts 10:2). Let us remember always to worship God in our family circle.

BUILDER: The house of tomorrow will be equipped with a fine inter-com system so that members of the family can speak to each other in any part of the house, or play music. Built-in wall television sets will make the airways available in almost every room.

HOMEMAKER: All this inter-family communication is fine, but I do think there must be quiet times in the home. Even though we have family devotions, everyone needs a Quiet Hour alone for Bible study and meditation and prayer. It is even more important, I think, to keep open these lines of communication to God. Except for Sunday worship services, home is the place most often used for our time with God. I think every home should have times and places where its members can be alone with God.

Am I Building My Future Home Now?

Self-Inventory

——When my parents have their friends for a visit, am I kind and considerate toward them?
——Do I try to explain my reasons for doing something to my parents, instead of getting angry with their attitude about it?
——Do I abide by the rules they make, even if I consider some of them unfair?
——Do I gladly get ready on time to attend Sunday school and worship with them?
——Do I clean up my own room? [Girls and boys!]
——Do I keep a special place in my room, with my Bible and other books, for Bible study and prayer?
——Do I faithfully allow time for devotions, even when I get very busy at school?
——Do I introduce my friends to my parents?
——Am I more interested in saving money than in spending it?
——Do I complain about my allowance constantly?
——Do I take my turn, without complaining, on household chores?

Home-making Conversations

It will be a good many years before we are interested in narrowing down our field of dates and perhaps thinking of setting up a home with one person. But those years will go faster than we think. If we do not have definite ideas now about a Christian home, we probably will not have them then. It's best, in fact, to begin facing some of the decisions that must be made in establishing a Christian home, before we fall in love and wish to set up a home.

Ask two actors (boys or girls, as specified) to stand as the reader describes each situation. Then the two actors discuss the situation, trying to decide what should be done in the light of Jesus' teaching.

1. (Two girls representing a mother and daughter.) This mother has discovered that her daughter's frequent date is a boy of a very different religion. She has many objections.

2. (Two boys representing a father and son.) This father is complaining that his son never comes to family devotions because he has so much studying to do as a senior in high school. The son feels that he can't take the time right now.

3. (Two girls.) One girl has be choosing a silver pattern, a chi pattern, and linens, to begin a ho chest. She states that she is eager have a large collection of these thing before she is ready to have a home. Th other girl feels that other things ar more important than certain possession

Committee Assignments

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: For this pr gram, the devotional committee shoul arrange a display of materials to be use for personal devotions in the hom Quiet Hour enrollment cards and fold ers should be included. Books of dai devotions, Bibles with study helps tracts, and inspirational magazines ma be included. If your budget can af ford it, choose an outstanding devo tional pamphlet to give to all you members.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Plan to delive some devotional material to all member and prospects who have not been attend ing. Perhaps the church will furnish this; otherwise choose something recom mended by the devotional committee.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE: Set up a "circulating" system for missionary newsletters and publications to go t the homes of members. This will require keeping track of what you have and wh has it, but it will provide homes wit missionary information and inspiration.

Daily Bible Readings

M. May 20 A House Built on a Rock Matthew 7:24,25
T. May 21 A House Built on Sand Matthew 7:26,27
W. May 22 Love Needed for the Home I Corinthians 13:4-7
T. May 23 Happiness and Thanksgiving Ephesians 5:19-21
F. May 24 A Devout Home Acts 10:1,2
S. May 25 Our Heavenly Home John 14:1-3
Sun. May 26—Topic: Homes of Tomorrow Joshua 24:15

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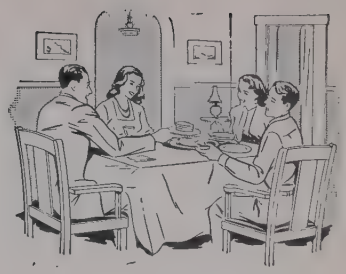
Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Topic 1 in a Unit: Young People and Their Homes

Straight A at Home

Luke 2:40-52

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship
Song Service: *More Like the Master, Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be, Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:40-52
Offering and Announcements
Prayer Hymn: *Near to the Heart of God*
Sentence Prayers: (encourage everyone to participate)
Topic Presentation
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Mizpah Benediction

Publicity

As is indicated in the topic discussion below, this is a good subject for a meeting, but you probably will not attract people to it by tying in your advertising to report cards. If you plan to use the debate suggested below under *How to Break the Ice,* use for your publicity idea: *Older Sisters and Little Brothers—Can Anything Be Done About Them?* Remember that your advertising is not to convey a message, but to stir up interest and get young people to come to your meetings to see what's going on.

A poster is easy to make on this theme. Use figures cut out of magazines. Better than a poster is an announcement by one of your young people (not the pastor or Sunday school superintendent). Your Sunday school is the most likely place for you to gain new members. Work on it.

Better than a one-person announcement, get three or four in on it, and start off with these recently overheard remarks: *"She's a creep!" "Isn't he repulsive?" "How would you like to have that across from you at breakfast every morning!" "Older sisters and little brothers, can anything be done about them? The organizational meeting of the S. P. C. S. B. (Society for Protection from the Cruelty of Sisters and Brothers) will be held tonight at 7 p.m."*

Keep the announcement brief. Don't add words which sound good but are really useless, such as "We hope you'll come" or "You are all invited." People already know this, and it takes all the punch away from your announcement.

For the Leader

What do you think of the title of this topic? I don't like it myself. Not many of us get straight A's in school, and mighty few of us would get straight A's at home. And I'm not so sure that the straight A at home people would really be very easy to live with.

I don't care for the idea of thinking of home as a place where we might be graded on performance. Home—a real home—is the very opposite of that. Home is a refuge from being graded on performance. Home is where you are accepted as you are, and loved for what you are.

But the idea at which this topic is aiming is a good one. I hate to say a needed one (though it is!), for who wants to talk about the things they need to talk about? And who wants to listen? In fact, I think you will find a great reluctance among your members to talk about this topic.

So let's get our central thought stated clearly: Your Christian faith affects the way you live at home.

HOW TO BREAK THE ICE

You will find difficulty in getting any discussion about home life. Kids just don't talk about this, and they (quite properly) will not say anything that is critical of their fathers and mothers. But brothers and sisters, that's different! Kids who are kind, thoughtful, and charming to all their schoolmates can blow their tops at one word from older sister, or jump all over kid brother because something in their room has been moved half an inch.

So start with this: An informal and impromptu debate between those who have older brothers and sisters and those who have younger brothers and sisters, and let them go to it trying to prove who has the tougher time of it. Of course, the winners are bound to be those who have both younger and older brothers and sisters.

While this is going on, have someone (or you do it yourself) jot down the items of complaint. After five or ten minutes of argument (cut it off then) put the real complaints on a chalkboard. (Don't do this during the debate; it will slow things up.)

From here on you are on your own. (In any good meeting you have to be prepared to follow where the discussion leads.) So in your preparation for this meeting, have one or two others help you to write down the complaints you think will be brought up. Here are some that I think will be mentioned—but your group may be completely different!

From Younger Brother or Sister

Older ones are bossy.
Always being reminded of how good the older one is.
Expected to measure up to the older one, even though years younger.
Never get any new clothes! (This may not be true, but the kids feel that way anyway.)
Older ones have privileges we don't get. Can stay up later, out later. Larger allowances.
Older ones just plain mean.

From Older Brother or Sister

Younger ones are pests.
Younger ones get things we didn't have. (Family finances may have improved.)
Younger ones are spoiled. Parents don't discipline them the way they did me (probably true).
Younger ones squeal on you.
Younger ones are always in the way.

NOW THEN

Ask the group: Do you agree with the statement "The hardest place in the world to be a real Christian is at home." *Insist on reasons!*

Why is this true? *After the reasons are given, analyze them.* Are they really valid?

SOME SAMPLE REASONS

1. Because your family knows you too well. (Not valid. Christianity is not suc-

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ceeding in deceiving people who don't know you very well.)

2. Because you are nice to people all day long, and at home you act natural. (What does the Bible say about the "natural" man?—I Corinthians 2:14—Can our Christian faith be natural to us?)

3. Because your family won't believe you really want to change. (How much is our Christian witness affected by the response we get to it?)

4. Because you are in a pattern of living, and it is hard to break out of it. (Valid or not valid? Talk it over.)

THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM

With all the words that will be spoken about the rivalry between older and younger brothers and sisters, someone will need to point out some balancing words. Ask the group, "How much influence do brothers and sisters have on one another?" Does the younger want to be like the older? He usually does, even if he won't admit it. How many younger members of the family come to Christian Endeavor because o l d e r brothers or sisters came? If this is true, then how much responsibility is there on each of us for our influence in our homes?

Talk this over with your counselors. Perhaps one of them can say a word about the influence of an older brother or sister on his life. But it is better to have a young person say it if you can.

SOME HARD SITUATIONS

There may be young people in your group who are living with really difficult situations at home. Few people, except ministers, realize just how common these are. Homes that may seem wonderful to the outsider may be like a hell for the family because of an alcoholic mother or father. There are homes where there is no love between members of the family. There are homes where there is no Christian profession, and the young person who comes to church may have someone "riding" him constantly about it. Because there is a high probability that at least some of your group will be living with some kind of difficult situations at home, this meeting ought to have something to say to them.

We don't choose our families. We can choose our friends, but God gives us our relatives. We have no choice in this. We are not consulted about our father and mother, our brothers and sisters, our uncles and cousins.

How do young people cope with this? In Colossians 4, Paul was speaking about relationships within the family, especially those of parents and children, and then he gives us this motive for Christian living at home: "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Colossians 4:23).

A Christian living in a difficult home situation is not living just for his family, but for the Lord. He seeks the praise and approval of the Lord, "Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ" (verse 24). Appreciation and understanding ought to be found in the home, but when they are not there, the Christian young person knows that it is the Lord whom he serves, and that he will receive understanding and reward from Him.

The Example of Jesus

We know very little of Jesus' relationship with his own family, but we do know that he had a great grief in his own brothers: they did not believe in Him. Whenever they intervened in His life (and this is true of Mary, too) it was in an annoying way.

Many of the saints of God bore their witness in ungodly and worldly homes. Many suffered daily petty martyrdom which can be harder to bear than persecution. Little things can be very oppressive. A missionary in speaking of his experiences in the Sudan, told how the flies and mosquitoes made life much more difficult than the lions and poisonous snakes did.

Jesus felt something of this in His own experience. "A prophet is not without honour save in his own country, and in his own house" (Matthew 13:59).

We do not know how He met his brothers' unbelief. But we can be sure that He prayed for them.

His brothers seem to have continued unbelieving up to the time of His death. But immediately after that, we find them gathered with His apostles in Jerusalem (Acts 1:14).

At this time Jesus' cause was at the lowest ebb. All that had happened seemed to show that His claims to be the Messiah had been false. And yet his brothers who had not believed in Him all His lifetime, even at the height of His fame, were found among the believers in Him when His cause seemed to have gone to pieces.

The explanation may be found in I Corinthians 15:7 where the appearance of Christ to different persons after His resurrection are listed. Paul tells us that He appeared to James, the Lord's brother. So we see one of the first acts of the risen Saviour was to show His own brother that His claims were really true, to give him the evidence which would conquer his unbelief.

So we have the example of Jesus in the persistence and patience with which He sought the salvation of His own brothers. He is our Example to pray on, hope on, work on for those of our own families who may yet be outside the fold of Christ.

What Can We Do?

It is always good to be practical in your discussions, and in this topic, you simply have to be practical, and face the question, "What can we do?" It is difficult to give you specific guidance for your group may be very different from another. However, your group will either: (1) come from homes which are similar to one another, or (2) come from homes which are very different from one another. The first will make it easier to discuss, but the second has all kinds of possibilities for a tremendously interesting meeting if the young people will talk and share frankly with one another.

Several things you can focus on:

1. Grace at table. This is perhaps the thing on which parents will be most receptive to a suggestion from their children. Many young people don't realize this. Sometimes parents would like to begin, but don't do so, only because they never have. When the suggestion is made, it will usually be accepted. Of course, the young person making it will probably be asked to say grace himself, and he had better be prepared for that. He might be ready to introduce a grace which all the family can say or sing together. See how many such table graces your group knows.

2. Daily Bible reading and prayer. This is something that you do by yourself and in your own room, yet such is the nature of most families, that the family will know that you are doing it.

3. Family worship. Grace at table can easily become family worship with the addition of some Scripture reading.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 29 Listen to God Psalm 16
T. Apr. 30 Children of God I John 3:7-14
W. May 1 Growing Up Ephesians 2:19-22
T. May 2 Are You Children of Light? Acts 26:15-18
F. May 3 Obedience in the Home Colossians 3:20-25
S. May 4 Honor the Son John 5:20-27
Sun. May 5—Topic: Straight A at Home Luke 2:40-52

Comments by Rev. Alexander C. Wilson, field secretary of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union

Topic 2 in a Unit: Young People and Their Homes

Mother the Incomparable

Genesis 17:15-22; John 19:25-27

(Mother's Day)

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Song: *In My Heart There Rings A Melody*
Opening Prayer
Introduction of Topic (and Welcome to Mothers if they are present)
Song Service: *It Took a Miracle, Sunshine in the Soul, Amazing Grace*
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31; Exodus 20:12
Announcements and Offering
Prayer Time: (Remember mothers in their many responsibilities and young people in their obligations to their mothers)
Mothers of Other Countries
Our Mothers Are S P E C I A L
Carnation Ceremony
Closing Prayer
Mizpah Benediction

Publicity

Flowers are one of the most common and most appreciated expressions of our love to our mothers, especially on Mother's Day, so use them on your poster. Decorate your poster with clusters of artificial flowers or real flowers in lapel vials of water.

You might want to cut out flower silhouettes and print the meeting details on them and hand them out at Sunday school.

If you are inviting your mothers to attend your meeting, their invitations might be decorated with flowers, either pictures, gummed seals or artificial.

For the Leader

Special appreciation of our mothers is the purpose of this meeting. It may be accomplished in either of two ways: invite the mothers of the young people to be present as special guests, or present it as a regular meeting. To invite them would be a nice way to give them special recognition.

The main difference in the two meetings is the closing Carnation Ceremony. The rest of the meeting may be used in either situation.

The material on *Women in Other Countries* may be presented by three girls: the first telling about "Religions," the second telling about "India" and the third telling about "Africa." If you desire, these three might dress up in costumes appropriate to their topic. To avoid duplication of the first and second speakers, perhaps the first could dress in a Japanese or Chinese dress. If this is done it will make your meeting much more colorful.

ROOM ARRANGEMENT: To carry out the flower theme used in your publicity, decorate your room with flowers, real or artificial, especially the front of the room where all attention will be focused. For the Carnation Ceremony you need a table on which there is a carnation for each mother present. If real carnations are too expensive, use artificial ones.

Arrange the chairs so that the Mothers who attend will have places of honor and so they can see the persons taking part in the program.

Make large letters to be hung on the wall at the front of the room. A good size is 24 inches high and 12 inches wide. They should spell S P E C I A L.

Introduction of Topic

The Mother's Day Act was passed by both branches of the national Congress of the United States and approved by President Woodrow Wilson on May 8, 1914, designating this second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and requesting its observance. Tonight we honor our mothers!

Mothers of Other Countries

WHAT DO RELIGIONS OFFER WOMANHOOD?

MOHAMMEDANISM: "Men are superior to women on account of the qualities which God hath gifted the one above the other."

CONFUCIANISM: The Master said, 'Of all people, girls and servants are the most difficult to behave to. If you are familiar with them, they lose their humility. If you maintain a reserve toward them, they are discontented. The woman follows and obeys the man.' "

HINDUISM: "With women there can be no lasting friendship; hearts of hyenas are the hearts to women. Women, the low-caste Sundre, the dog, the blow crow, are untruth. Stealing grain, base metals, or cattle, slaying women and low-caste Sundres, and atheism are all minor offenses."

WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR WOMAN: "He who made them from the beginning made them male and female and said: For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus." The woman in a Christian land enjoys the loftiest position of all other women.

INDIA

In India there is a much different relationship between children and mothers. The home is their entire social life. Marriages are arranged and families live together. The parents, their sons and their wives, and their children all live together, either in one house or separate homes facing a common courtyard. Because of this, children learn early to respect their elders. Many children are desired so the parents will have someone to care for them in old age. Mothers always take the children with them when going somewhere. They don't even consider leaving them with someone else. Mothers do not set up nearly so many rules and tend to be more tolerent in discipline. But because of their respect for elders, children behave well and accept

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their responsibilities, the most common of which is to care for their younger brothers and sisters, many times all day long. Indian mothers love their children just as much as our mothers, but as a rule there is not as much open affection. Children are left alone more and do not get as much attention. When an Indian mother becomes a Christian, she is usually shunned by her husband's family. It is very hard for she and her husband, if he too is a Christian, for they are kept from even securing the necessities of life and have no family to fellowship with.

AFRICA

In Africa a woman's average life span is 35 years. They are at the end of their life when the woman of our countries are just getting a good start. Have you ever wondered why these people prefer baby sons to daughters? Think on these things: a woman does all the work, from caring for children to cooking to gardening to all physical labor. There is very little health care and a very poor diet, so that these women who do all the work are not strong and tend to be sickly. Who would want to raise a daughter to a life in these conditions. The following excerpt from the poem, *A Heathen Woman's Face,* says it very well.

. . . She's a prisoner that beats against
the very bars of life.
And she longs for death, yet dares not,
must not die.
She is cursed with cruel curses should
she be a sonless wife,
And a baby daughter answer cry with
cry.
She's the common drudge of yesterday
and dreads the cruel morrow,
While today the weary hours drag like
a chain.
And she prays to gods all deafened to
her tale of sin and sorrow,
Or if they hear, are heedless of her pain.
She's the daughter of her mother, who
before her trod the road.
She's the mother of a daughter who will
know
All the depths of her own anguish, all
the heavy, weary load,
All the bitterness—a heathen woman's
woe!

—Mrs. W. M. Turnbull, used by permission of Alliance Witness

Our Mothers Are SPECIAL

They Sacrifice: Our mothers love with a love that will undertake anything to help their children. No task is too menial, too time consuming, nor requires too much courage if it will benefit her children. More often than not, mother's desires are willingly put aside for those of her children, be it a new coat, a shopping trip, the menu for supper, an evening's entertainment, a day with the girls, or a spotless house. Her children are her very life.

They *P*rotect: Our mother's first instinct is to protect. Physical safety is uppermost in their management of our home, and in our training to go into the world. Mothers would gladly take any hurt in our place. How many have said, "I wish I was sick instead of you." How many have risked their lives or even given their lives to protect us.

They *E*ncourage: When we are undecided, lacking in confidence, discouraged and even disgusted, mothers are right there to point out the bright side, or the right way, or to remind us of our own good virtues. Their pride in our achievements thrusts us on to even higher and better goals.

They *C*omfort: Mothers "kiss and make it well" throughout our entire lives. When we are small they do it with an actual kiss. As we grow up they do it by sensing our unhappiness and giving us a chance to talk it out. They find a substitute to fill the empty or hurt spot while it heals and they take us to Christ for the ultimate in help.

They *I*nstruct us in God's ways: From our infancy on we have heard the Scriptures at our Christian mother's knees. She has taught us to pray and to obey.

They *A*llow: This is perhaps the hardest thing mothers must do. They must allow their children to step out on their own. Remember how they tell us of the tears they shed on our first day of school. Now that we are teens, they allow us to make many of our own decisions (some are not the right ones) for they know that only by trial and error now in these smaller decisions, can we become mature adults who will make wise decisions for life. They allow us to date, perhaps go steady, drive a car, spend money . . . all of which they wish they could do for us. But because they love us, they know we must be allowed to do them ourselves.

They *L*ead us to Christ: This is t highlight of our mother's entire li Have you ever led someone to Chris Wasn't it thrilling to see that person he the wonderful story of Jesus' love for even though we are sinners? For mother, this joy is multiplied a hu dredfold because she is confident th now her child will be with her eternity.

Carnation Ceremony

If the mothers are present, have ea young person come forward to get flower and then give it to his mother.

If the mothers are not at your mee ing, have each young person take flower home.

Questions for Discussion

1. What are some of the elements tha make a mother so incomparable?

2. What are some ways in which w can show our appreciation to our moth ers for all that they do?

3. What effect has the Christia faith had upon women of the world?

Daily Bible Readings

M. May 6 Mother of the Living Genesis 3:20-2
T. May 7 A Mother in Israel Judges 5:1-
W. May 8 Mary, Mother of Jesus John 2:1-
T. May 9 A Praying Mother I Samuel 1:9-1
F. May 10 The Lord Comforts as a Mother Isaiah 66:5-1
S. May 11 A Joyful Mother Psalm 11
Sun. May 12—Topic: Mother the Incomparable Genesis 17:15-22; John 19:25-2 (Mother's Day)

Comments by Mrs. Edward Fierce, sponsor with her husband of the High School society of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Peoria, Illinois

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, $5 per dozen, $40 per hundred.

Topic 3 in a Unit: Young People and Their Homes

Home -- a Spiritual Oasis

II Timothy 1:1-7

Preparation

Study the materials and suggestions, then plan for the type of program that can best fit into your society. Make assignments at least three weeks in advance so that necessary perparation can be made. If persons from outside the society are to be used they should be informed at least a month in advance.

The Program

For the opening devotions invite a family from your church who have regular family devotions to come in and give a demonstration. Set the stage for a living room or dining room as the participants may suggest. If a family is not available the society members may present the demonstration. The singing may or may not be a part of the family scene.

Introducing the Topic

An oasis is a fertile spot in a waste of desert area. To the desert traveler the sight of an oasis is a promise of rest, food, water, and natural protection. It is a place to regain strength and to check one's course for further travel.

Spiritually speaking, the world in which we live is many times a desert. The heat of the pressures of the crowd who lack spiritual and moral values seem to dry up the spiritual consciousness of the Christian. He needs a place where he can find spiritual refreshment and reassurance. He needs a place where he can relax, regain his strength and check his course as he prepares to face the decisions of the day. He needs a place where he is loved, needed, and understood.

Every young person should be entitled to a Christian home for his oasis. But, the sad fact is that there are too few homes that are truly Christian. This does not mean that persons who do not have a Christian home cannot have a spiritual oasis. One can create it for himself if he really wants to.

God has provided abundantly for our spiritual resources. His Word is available to everyone who is interested in finding it, at least here in North America. God is available to all who will call upon Him in sincerity and in truth through prayer. Usually if one will look for them there are others who are Christians and who are glad for the fellowship of other Christians. These three resources are the basics of a spiritual oasis.

Our Aims

1. To help young people who have a Christian home and parents to better appreciate them.

2. To help those who do not, to find a spiritual resource whereby they can create for themselves a spiritual oasis.

The home is the best place for the oasis to be established. God has provided that the family be the basic unit of society. Therefore, the home should be the first fountain of spiritual resource.

The basic bond of true spiritual fellowship is love: love for Christ, for the Bible, and love for each other. Love needs to be cultivated to keep it growing as it should. It is a two-way street: it must receive as well as give. It can easily be spurned or abused. Love must find expression and appreciation if it is to stand the tests to which it will be put. If this does not prevail in the close associations of the family it can hardly be expected in the wider reaches of our human relationships.

There is nothing so stabalizing, or yet so challenging as real love and fellowship. Its power of motivation is beyond any other power known to man.

For Thought and Discussion

Be careful that the conclusions reached in your discussion period are consistent with Christian teaching and the teaching of your church.

CASE 1

Jim first came to Christian Endeavor with Don, a baseball teammate. A few weeks later in the consecration meeting he expressed a desire to accept Christ as his Saviour and Lord. Under the able guidance of the sponsor and the prayers of the society Jim came to an assurance of salvation.

When he went home and told his family he met a discouraging response. His Dad acted disgusted with him, his mother just smiled and his older brother guffawed. Jim was determined not to go back on his commitment to Christ.

He tried to find a time and place where he could spend time each day in Bible reading, meditation, and prayer. It seemed that every attempt he made came into conflict with some member of his family. His family could not understand his new life.

Finally he found that by getting up one-half hour earlier than he did formerly, he could have about twenty minutes of uninterrupted devotions before the rest of the family began to get up. This became for Jim a very special time and before long he was awakening before his alarm went off. He had to make his own oasis, but he found a time and place where he could nourish his soul and find strength for the day ahead.

QUESTIONS: *1. Is it essential for the Christian to have a time for daily spiritual nourishment? Why your answer? 2. Is it possible for every person to find a time if he really wants to? 3. Why is it dangerous not to have a daily time of spiritual thinking, prayer, and Bible reading?*

CASE 2

Jean and Joan were non-identical twins. In their early teens their interests and personalities had grown increasingly further apart. They frequently quarreled and argued.

The week their Christian Endeavor counselor led the meeting he had presented the challenge of the Quiet Hour

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pledge. After prayerful consideration they each signed it. A few days later Joan asked Jean to join her in her Quiet Hour devotions. They enjoyed the experience and continued to share it. Within the week their mother noticed a real change in the way the girls were getting along. One evening as they were doing the dishes she asked them what was making the difference. They told her of their sharing the devotional period and of their pledge. Mother commented that if it could do so much for the girls, the whole family could profit from such a change.

In a family conference it was agreed that they would try family devotions. Soon it was noticable that there had been a marked improvement in the whole family relationship. They felt closer to God and to each other. Family problems' were now discussed and the answers sought from the Bible. Happiness grew rapidly in this family.

QUESTIONS: *1. Is there a relationship between personal happiness and one's relationship with God and His word? 2. Could most family problems be solved if they were talked out in a family conference and the answers sought in God's Word? 3. Has your society given proper emphasis to the Quiet Hour pledge? Has it been recent?*

CASE 3

Lisa was the first of her family to become a Christian or to attend church services. Soon she began to follow the advise of her Christian Endeavor counselor and have daily devotions. She used the daily readings in the *Christian Endeavor World.* She took the time just after the evening dishes were finished and before the evening activities began.

One evening as she was lying on her bed reading, her mother stopped in to inquire what she was reading. When she offered to share her devotions her mother seemed happy for the invitation. This became a frequent occurrence and soon her mother began going to Church.

Some time later her parents both became Christians and their home became a spiritual oasis for a host of young people of the community. These enthusiastic Christians offered a place of fellowship and Godly counsel for all who needed a friend. This home became known as the place where you found God's answer to your problems. The Bible was the "Answer book."

QUESTIONS: *1. Can one become a Christian by his own Bible study and prayer? 2. Does the Bible have an answer to every problem that one may face? 3. Is it possible to apply Bible principles to every day practices? 4. How does one go about finding God's answer to his problem? 5. Is it sometimes wise to talk to older Christians about your problems?*

CASE 4

Phil is a talented, well behaved Christian Endeavor society secretary and the life of the party. He knew the Bible exceptionally well for his sixteen years. He had heard it read daily in family devotions, and he read it for himself. Special family prayer sessions and spiritual conversation were not unusual in his home.

One evening as he was reading during family devotions he was almost startled by a few words that seemed to stand out. "No man cometh to the Father but by me" (John 14:6) struck him hard.

As soon as he could excuse himself he went to his room to think and to look at these words again. What did they mean?

He called his father into his room. They talked about what this meant in personal application. They knelt together in prayer and Phil made a full commitment of his life to Christ. Now he felt he had come to know the Christ about whom he had known so much before. Now Christ was personally real to him.

QUESTIONS: *1. Is it possible to know a lot about Christ and yet not know Him personally? 2. Is it possible to live in a spiritual oasis and yet not enjoy the blessings it should offer? 3. Can one be truly happy with a half-way commitment to Christ?*

Optional Program Development

Plan a series of demonstration scenes such as one might find in a home that is truly a spiritual oasis. These could be planned and presented by committees working with the pastor or the counselor of the society.

Be careful that conclusions drawn do not compromise Christian principles or the standards of your church.

Plan appropriate stage settings. Script may be written in full or merely in outline. Be sure each one knows the part he is to play and the conclusions that are to be reached. The discussions should be realistic, but they should reflect Biblical research on the subjects involved.

If there are other problems than the ones suggested that would be of more value to the group, center your demonstrations and discussions around them. Allow time for the group to discuss these problems. Be careful about the conclusions that are drawn. A family Council Demonstration (Four or more persons participating)

SITUATION: The family has been invit by non-Christian neighbors to spend weekend at their lake cottage with the The neighbors are good people and ve friendly, but they do not go to church n do they quite measure values by Christi standards.

IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

1. "Missing an occasional church servi doesn't really hurt anything."
2. "This could be an occasion for Christia witness."
3. Can one compromise Christian stan ards and maintain an effective witness?
4. "One can worship God just as well i His great outdoors."
5. Could the invitation be accepted wit reservation for Sunday Services?

SITUATION: Jane has been invited by non-Christian boy to a party. He is popular, handsome, and intelligent. He some times comes to Sunday school and Chris tian Endeavor. His usual associates a considered "the fast crowd."

IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can one honestly be judged by the co pany he keeps?
2. What are some of the dangers of th kind of dating?
3. Would double dating be an answer o a compromise?
4. How can friendships help to chang people?
5. Are there different levels of friendship
6. What should be some of the basic con siderations in accepting or rejecting dat invitations?
7. How can one maintain a proper balan between one's emotions and good judg ment?

SITUATION: Jerry has his first paying jo and his first paycheck. What should h do about tithing? Can he be Christian an not tithe? What does the Bible say? He i trying to save money for college, must h tithe that also?

IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Demonstrate the use of the concordance on the subject. Check the cross references and show how they work, in directing one to related passages. (Note: In many Bibles the cross reference with Malachi 3:8-10 refers to Matthew 23:23 and I Corinthians 6:10. This would make a good example.)
2. Ask your pastor to help you work out this demonstration.

Daily Bible Readings

M. May 13 The Home Begins Genesis 2:21-25
T. May 14 The Husband's Love Colossians 3:16-19
W. May 15 The Wife's Love Titus 2:1-8
T. May 16 The Family Goes to Worship Luke 2:25-42
F. May 17 A Praying Home Acts 10:1-8
S. May 18 A Son Finds Peace at Home Luke 15:11-24
Sun. May 19—Topic: Home—a Spiritual Oasis **II Timothy 1:1-7**

Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, general secretary of Christian Education for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ

Tripping Over the Trivial

Matthew 23:23-31

uggested Program

e-Prayer Service
elude: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
all to Worship: Hebrews 12:1
pening Hymn: *Rise Up, O Men of God*
ivocation
ymns: *Jesus Calls Us; For Christ and the Church*
nnouncements and Offering
pecial Music: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (solo)
cripture Reading: Matthew 23:23-31
eader's Introduction of Topic
uzz Groups, Panel, or Talks
onclusion by Leader or Counselor
enediction

or Publicity

Decorate your poster with a cutout of a tairway from a magazine or catalogue. 'aste a cutout figure near the top of the tairs, and place on the various steps small utouts of television sets, radios, sports quipment, cars. In large lettering write RE YOU TRIPPING OVER THE TRIVIAL? At the bottom include information bout the meeting time and place.

o the Leader

The consideration of trivialities which inder the Christian growth of young people could be embarrassing to the eader if such consideration points up the act that his own program preparation nust be classed as trivial. So be certain that all items on the program are planned carefully in advance, and go off smoothly. This will be no time for misplaced songbooks, mumbled, unnecessary announcements, or a song service that begins, "Well, I haven't had time to pick out the songs, so what would you like to sing?" Make the mechanical aspects of your program, as well as its content, be an example of forethought and careful evaluation, so that the message will be reinforced in the minds of those who attend.

Prepare enough copies of a chart to give three copies to each person as he enters the room. List the hours of the day down the left margin, with space across the page for these headings: *Name of Activity (sleep, Sunday school, basketball, reading); Is This Activity Valuable in Some Way?; Will This Activity Help Young People Become More Like Jesus?; If Yes to Either Question, How?* At the top have instructions asking each person to fill out a chart for Sunday, a typical school or work day, and a typical Saturday. At the bottom of the chart have blanks for these totals: *Total Hours Spent in Activities Which Have Value, Total Hours Spent in Activities Which Help Young People Become More Like Jesus, Total Hours Spent in Activities Which Have no Value.*

For the closing moments prepare a cross of rough-hewn material, or a black-and-white picture of Christ. Provide a means of lighting this center when the lights are dimmed during the reading of *Rise Up, O Men of God.*

Leader's Introduction

It seems strange that in a time when new processes and techniques are steadily shortening the number of hours which men must labor each day in order to earn a living, people should apparently be busier than ever in the past. Every day we must all choose among activities which are competing for our time and interest. Obviously, not all activities which are open to us as Christian young people are of equal value. Do we weigh the relative importance of the things which consume our time, or do we drift from one activity to another, with little sense of accomplishment or purpose?

Our Scripture reading tonight contained a part of Christ's denunciation of a people who sincerely felt that they had chosen carefully in setting the standards of their lives. But Jesus called them "hyprocrites," "fools and blind," "child of hell," "whitewashed tombs," and "generation of vipers." How could a group of religious leaders go so far astray without even realizing what was happening to them? Jesus laid the blame on their inability to distinguish between the important and the trivial. They were careful to pay the tithe of the very herbs of the garden, but in their preoccupation with these small matters, they had neglected "the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith." Jesus drove His point home with a wild exaggeration, telling them they were so careful to strain the gnats out of their

cups, that they did not notice that they were swallowing camels.

There is a scarcity of neither gnats nor camels in our own day, and many people experience the futility of spiritual indigestion from an overconsumption of both. Tonight we are to consider several areas in which our lives may suffer through a mistaken preoccupation with trivialties.

Talks on the Topic

(The following talks can also be the basis for a panel presentation or reports from "buzz groups.")

A Trivial Education

Many young people in looking back on their school years find that their education has not educated them. What are some of the practices in our schools that can cause the quality of education secured to be trivial in nature? Include in the discussion these questions: Are courses chosen because of the value of the content, or to find the easiest way to get through?; Is membership in clubs determined by interest, or by desire to get out of class for meetings and field trips?; Are so many extracurricular activities, such as sports and music groups, pursued that they interfere with normal class preparation?; What is the effect on the quality of education secured, by inattention to lectures, poor preparation of assigned work, and cheating?

A Trivial Use of Leisure

As the working week grows steadily shorter for the bulk of our population,

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the amount of time available for leisure pursuits increases. It was once thought that this would bring about a golden age of self-development, with each individual having the time and the means to pursue his interests and to develop his capabilities. But today we find our mental hospitals crowded with people who cannot cope with the emotional problems involved in living with the results of their choices. At no time in history has man had so wide a field of choice open to him for the use of his leisure time. Yet we find with monotonous and frightening regularity, thousands falling victim to alcoholism, or being lulled with a steady diet of indiscriminate television viewing, or destroying body and soul in the restless search for pleasure and thrills. What should be the Christian's criteria for judging the appropriateness of leisure-time activities? What is the Christian's duty in response to the calls on his time by civic organizations? How can we know when recreation has ceased to be re-creation, and has become destructive to the body or spirit? What should be our standard in choosing motion pictures and television programs? In choosing the music to which we listen and the books we read? (Call attention to the charts each person has filled out. Is each one satisfied with the proportion of his time devoted to valuable and to valueless activities?)

Trivial Vocational Goals

For many, the considerations in choosing a vocation are only these: can I get the training needed for it?; can I pass the course?; can I get a job doing it?; does it pay well?; what are the retirement benefits? From the stereotyped idea presented by motion pictures, books, and television, money is the ruling consideration of our society. It is not strange then if young people are reluctant to believe that anyone ever willingly enters a vocation with some other motive. It seems difficult to believe that money does not bring happiness and satisfaction, but all around we see people who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of wealth, only to be disillusioned to discover that by itself wealth more often than not brings misery. What should be the Christian's criteria in choosing his vocation? (Include: we do best that which we like best; our goal must be in line with our capabilities; our vocation must be one which fills a need in the world; we must seek the will of God in our choice.)

Questions for Discussion

1. What are some items and events in the life of a teen-ager that are trivial?

2. Why do people so often place more time and attention on the trivial?

3. Can our Christian faith sometimes be trivial? If so, how?

Trivial Worship

One of the things for which Jesus denounced the Pharisees was the trivality of their worship. They loved the best seats at the synagogue, and to make long and elaborate prayers. But Jesus felt that a sinful tax gatherer who hadn't the courage to lift his face to heaven, but with bowed head begged for mercy, had done a truer act of worship. Jesus also taught that a destitute widow's tiny gift, because it represented a genuine sacrifice, was of more value in the sight of God than an enormous donation made for the sake of show.

In what ways are we sometimes guilty of being as superficial as the Pharisees in our worship? Do we ever place emphasis on outward show, elaborate buildings, flowers, music, to the detriment of spirituality? Do we ever substitute mere formality for reverence? Is our conduct in God's house ever such that it distracts others from their efforts to worship? In what ways can young people help to improve the opportunities for worship in our own church?

Trivial Home and Family Life

Psychologists often lay the blame for delinquent conduct and emotional disorders on the lessening of the stability and effectiveness of the home, especially in the shaping of the attitudes and habits of the young. What are some of the factors which have brought about this situation? (Include growth of large cities, smaller size of families, crowded housing conditions, change from agricultural to urban industrial civilization, working mothers, easy transportation which makes it possible to be far away from the surveillance of the family, a general relaxing of moral standards of conduct.)

For many people today the home serves as a short-order restraurant and motel, and little else. What can Christian young people do to help restore the home to a place of effectiveness in today's society? (Mention family devotions, the spending of more time in the home, helping to make the home more attractive, practicing Christian love in our dealings with other family members.)

Conclusion by Leader or Counselor

In Shakespeare's play, Macbeth must choose between his loyalty to his king and his ambition to reach the Scottish throne. After Lady Macbeth goads him into murdering the king, Macbeth is horrified at the blood on their hands, but to Lady Macbeth it is a trivial thing, as she says, "A little water clears us of this deed. How easy it is, then!"

Soon Macbeth adopts this attitude of his wife, and human life becomes to him just another triviality. As a result, Macbeth's character degenerates to the point that even his own life seems trivial. When he is told that his wife is dead, and his enemies are preparing to besiege his castle, he sums up his view of life in this manner: "Out, out, brief candle! Life's but a walking shadow; a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage and then is heard no more. It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Here we see the inevitable result of focusing our efforts on an unworthy goal: we end up unable to see worth in anything. This is a pathetic end for one of Macbeth's greatness; it was a pathetic end for the Pharisees of Jesus' day; and it can be the pathetic end of each of us here.

We as Christians are not to fear the day-to-day decisions, but neither are we to blind ourselves to their importance, as they pile one upon another throughout our lives. Our aim should be to follow this advice which the Apostle Paul gave to the Philippian Christians: (Read Philippians 4:8.)

Dim lights here, with spotlight on rough-hewn cross or picture of Christ. Read all verses of *Rise Up, O Men of God,* while the music is played in the background. Repeat the first stanza, and close with prayer and Mizpah Benediction.

Daily Bible Readings

M.	May 20	Power to Become	Ephesians 2:1-7
T.	May 21	Abandon the Fables	Titus 1:13-16
W.	May 22	Position Seekers	Luke 11:43-48
T.	May 23	Broad Phylacteries	Matthew 23:1-5
F.	May 24	What God Desires	Hosea 6:1-6
S.	May 25	The Wrong God	Romans 1:21-25

Sun. May 26—Topic: Tripping Over the Trivial Matthew 23:23-31

Comments by Mr. Charles C. Meek of Arcadia, Texas, president of the Texas Christian Endeavor Union

Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

'opic Summaries for May

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Joan Pyle, and Jay Sheffield.

'uidance of Children (two topics)

Who Heads Your Household?

Colossians 3:20; I Timothy 3:4; Jeremiah 3:4

oday's children have been credited ith "ruling the roost," holding their arents in subjection to their demands nd whims. Where this relationship xists, the home lacks strength and tability. Only where Christ is the head f the home do things fall in their roper perspective—the God-guided ves of parents reflecting in the lives f their children. Nowhere is the opportunity so great to influence, to guide, o teach as in the home, where all human characteristics meet—youth and ge, ignorance and experience, hope and ear, love and forbearance. From the Christ-centered home comes the solution to today's needs. Take an inventory of your homes—how the Christian copes with the problems of everyday iving and how Christ's presence changes he lives of individuals in your homes.

2. Home Policies and Practices

Deuteronomy 5:16; Matthew 15:4; Ephesians 6:1-4; I Timothy 5:14

Consider the admonition given in Proverbs: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Are your homes training grounds for imparting God's commandments to your children? Is God's law first in your way of life? The strength of a nation lies in the home life of its individual people, and when this breaks down, the nation decays, history has proved. Christianity is not inherited but must be developed within each individual. List and discuss together the practices and policies observed by your households to maintain a Christian home, remembering that a "family that prays together stays together."

Home Missions (two topics)

1. A Cause — a Paul

Ephesians 4:11-13; II Timothy 4:2-5

An item in a recent bulletin ended thus, "Find a cause, be a Paul." The article described two different men in the first century—Nero, the powerful emperor of Rome, probably remembered today only as the man who "fiddled while Rome burned," and Paul, who devoted himself to a cause and wrote letters read by millions today. Christians have a cause because of Paul. He shared with enthusiasm the teachings of Christ wherever he lived and worked. List the opportunities to share the Gospel in your community; then *do* something about these opportunities. Is there a hospital or institution where you can teach or preach the Word of salvation? Are there needy you can feed or clothe, handicapped you can help rehabilitate, or strangers to whom you can lend a helping hand?

2. Neighbors Near and Far

Matthew 28:19,20; Luke 10:25-37

While Christ commanded that we preach the Gospel to all nations, He also taught compassion for the neighbor in need along our path. Are we really concerned about the needy? Consider this statement from the French Communist newspaper: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is our Marxist doctrine. All the same it is we who will finally beat you . . . . We communists do not play with words. Of our salaries and wages we keep only what is strictly necessary and we give the rest for propaganda purposes . . . . we also consecrate all our free time and part of our holidays. You Christians, however, give only a little time and hardly any money for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of the Gospel if you do not practice it? If you do not spread it? And if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it?" How will you meet this challenge?

ADULTS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY, TOO!

Christian Endeavor's 82nd birthday was marked by many adult and alumni groups throughout the United States and Canada as well as by children and youth.

Here are some highlights of activities reported to Christian Endeavor Headquarters.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Alpha Christian Endeavor Alumni Council of the National City Christian Church celebrated at their regular monthly dinner January 14. Members of the D.C. Alumni Fellowship were special guests. Mrs. Eldon Floyd is Alpha president; Mrs. Merritt L. Smith heads up the D.C. Alumni.

IOWA — Endeavorers of Chesterfield Christian Church in Des Moines honored Miss Josie Lamb for fifty years of service as a Christian Endeavor leader and sponsor. There were 160 guests present. At the close Miss Lamb was presented with a "love tree" of 50-cent pieces, totaling $85. Elder Don Booth wrote a special poem as a tribute for Miss Lamb. Mrs. Virgil Rupe is superintendent.

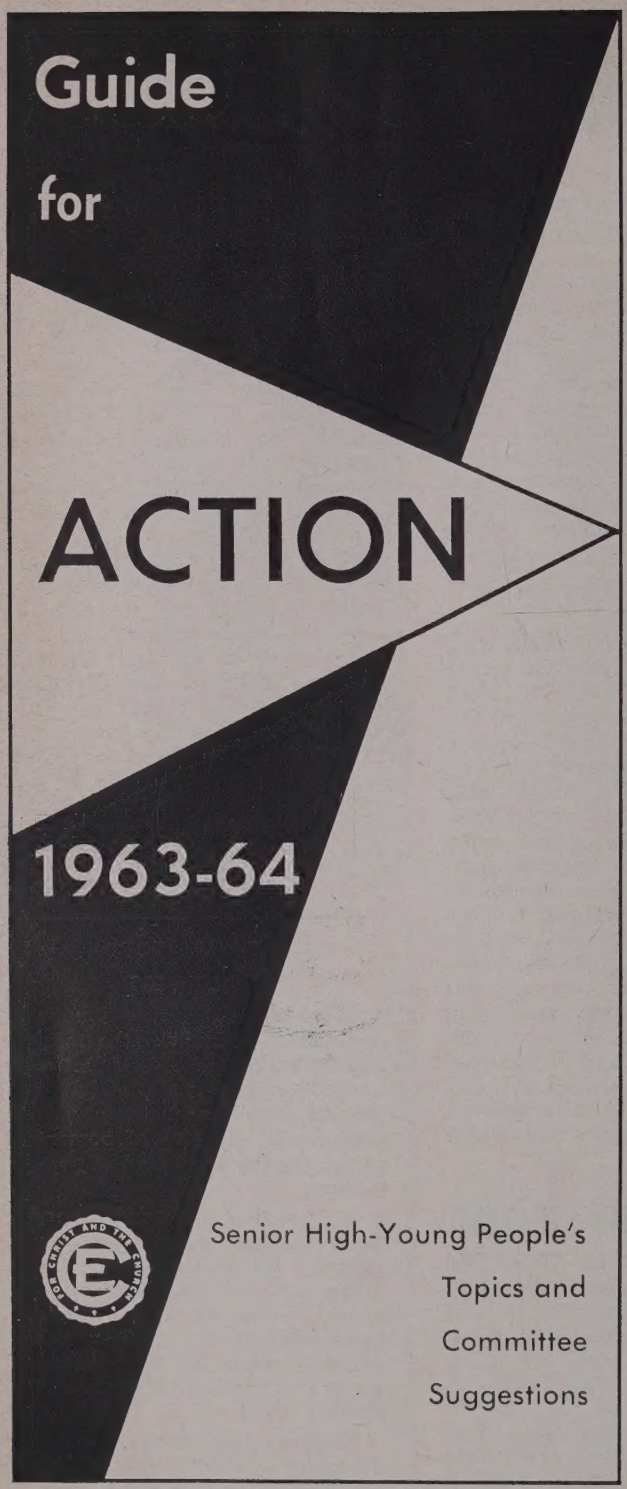
VIRGINIA — Richmond Christian Endeavor Fellowship enjoyed a birthday banquet February 1 at Overbrook Presbyterian Church. The radio script was used as the basis for a skit during the banquet.

Over-65 Group Mushrooms

Those 65 and over now make up over 9 percent of the total population in the United States; in 1900 this group was but 4 percent. This same group also accounts for a hefty 15 percent of the country's voting-age population.

In the last decade alone, while the total population was growing by 18.5 percent, this group grew by 34.7 percent — almost twice as fast. Today there are approximately 185 million people in the United States — 17 million of them are 65 and over!

What an opportunity for the church to minister! What is being done in **your** church? Have you considered a Christian Endeavor society for this group? Are you making maximum use of the talents those over 65 have to offer? Think about it, then act!



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